



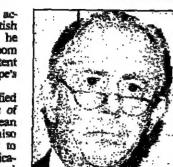
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Eurosceptics attacked as 'doom merchants'

Santer accused of interfering in the election

By Philip Webster and Andrew Pierce



Santer: text trimmed

understood, however, that Mr.

Santer has been irritated by

President Chirac has called

an election on May 25 and

June 1 in an attempt to win

solid backing for his Govern-

ment as it makes major decisions on European int-

JACQUES SANTER was accused of intrusion into British politics yesterday when he attacked Eurosceptic "doom merchants" who were intent demeaning Europe's Railing against "unjustified

and misplaced" outbursts of Euroscepticism, the European Commission President also criticised those who tried to score cheap points by carica-turing EU legislation and His remarks -

prompted in part by the Conservative advertisement showing Tony Blair sitting on Helmut Kohl's knee - were immediately interpreted by Labour and the sceptics as domestic interference. But John Major seized on them as evidence of the threat posed to Britain by those seeking greater integration at the Amster-

dam summit in June. In his speech, delivered in English to an audience in Amsterdam, Mr Santer challenged the sceptics: Those who criticise, do they know what they are talking about? Do they have an equally stimulating alternative? If so, what is it?

"Do these doom merchants want us to step backwards towards a Europe only com-posed of simple trading arrangements? Even the countries which in the Fifties wanted to so no further than a European free trade association have now virtually all opted for the benefits of European Union membership and for good reason."

Mr Santer's original text is

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6 Labour is also guilty of blurring the choices facing Britain 9

— Peter Riddell, page 14

understood also to have contanced itself from Mr Santer, while pointing out that he was tained a strong criticism of the Kohl-Blair advertisement, but appointed with the approval of Mr Major, who described him in the interests of diplomacy. in 1994 as the right man in the right place at the right time. I have always regarded him as He need hardly have bothered. Although he claimed that his speech to the Dutch. Association of European Jourdivisive force." nalists was aimed at sceptics rerywhere, Mr Major was happy to accept that the Tories were the target. It is also

ests under the strong leadership of Tony Blair." Labour, whose line and language has sometimes mat-ched Tory Eurosceptic wrote a speech in York using the Santer address to mock And last night Labour dis-

a healing force and not a Gordon Brown said: "Mr Santer should be in no doubt that a Labour government will make decisions based on British needs in the British inter-

Mr Major meanwhile re-Mr Blair. Highlighting Mr

phoned Chancellor Kohl of

Santer's remark that more majority voting would avoid countries getting trapped in a vicious circle of paralysis", Mr Major said: "I disagree Unlike the Labour leader, I will retain our vetoes. If it is right for Britain I will keep my feet on the brakes. Mr Blair would go to Amsterdam and put his foot on the accelerator to a federal Europe."

The Prime Minister's aides said that he was relieved that Mr Santer had spoken out at such a crucial time. "It's given him a target with which he believes he can unite the whole party. None of us wants the Jacques Santer is proposing."

Malcolm , Rifkind hammered home the message claiming that Mr Santer's vision was "disturbingly similar" to Mr Blair's, offering no end to the process of integration.

In his speech, Mr Santer said: "We have only option: to move on." Already, inflation rates and interest rates were low, budget deficits falling and growth prospects improving, with a convergence of national economic and budgetary policies never stronger. It was not a bad performance, he said.

"But it will not silence the prophets of doom. I did not know there were so many. What inspires all those who now speculate on delays, on the possibilities for changing or fudging the criteria and egration, especially the switch to a single currency. After announcing the date of the eletion, M. Chirae telewho discover ... all the so-called reasons why the single currency cannot and must not work?"



England international is only 12



MAY Day will be a day of reckoning for more than just political parties: Katy Parker of Preston, Lancashire, will, at the age of 12 years and 144 days, become the youngest English athlete ever to play in

a world championships. Parker, daughter of the former European champion. Jill Hammersley and a pupil at Kirkham Grammar School, will partner Michael Chan, 13, in the mixed doubles at the world table tennis championships, which begins with the team event in Manchester on Thursday. At 52 st and 4 ft 8 ins, she will also be one of the smallest competitors. She

began playing table tennis at the age of six, standing on a box to see above the table, and won national championships at under-10, under-11 and under-12.

"She's level headed and a clever player," Carole Moore, chairman of the junior selection committee of the English Table Tennis Association, said. "I'm sure she will give a good account of herself."

Parker's parents support her selection for the champi-onships. Both are aware of the dangers of burn-out, which prompted the tennis prodigy. Jennifer Capriati, at 14 years and 90 days the youngest

competitor in the modern era at the All England Championships, to drop out of the game

temporarily.
"A lot of kids who are pushed into playing, give up," Parker's mother said. "It's up to her how much she plays. I'm not worried that she will be frightened by the occasion. We've said to her: 'You're there for experience'."

Fu Ming Xia became the youngest official gold medallist in Olympic history when she won the 10-metre platform dive in Barcelona in 1992 at the age of 12.

Child prodigy, page 54

Labour 'tried to gag union chief

Union leader John Edmonds told the Scottish TUC yesterday that he had been advised by the Labour hierarchy not to attend the conference.

The leader of the General Municipal and Boilermakers Union told STUC members "It was suggested to me that I might plead some other enement, rather than come to Glasgow Page 9

Thousands gain £1,400 windfall

Investors and borrowers with the Alliance & Leicester made around El,400 a head yesterday when the former building society floated on the

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blitz on London

Chirac calls early election

By Michael Evans and Mark Henderson

A HUGE intelligence and policing operation is under way to stop the IRA disrupting polling on May I. Measures already being taken were given a sense of urgency by the chaos the terror group caused in London and the South East during yesterday's morning rush-hour. Road, rail, Underground and air services were severely curtailed by security alerts - but no bombs were found.

A special co-ordinating committee with senior representatives from Scotland Yard. M15, the Cabinet Office and other government departments is now working at full stretch to try to "predict, preempt and stop" any IRA action to prevent people voting. Security sources said that every measure bar putting tanks on the streets" was under consideration.

Yesterday's disruption in the capital, with traffic gridlock, came after a series of coded telephone warnings. Four mainline London railway stations - Paddington, King's Cross, St Pancras and Charing Cross - were shut for several hours. Garwick and Luton airports were closed for hours and Stansted airport briefly. Terminal Three at Heathrow was also affected. MI5's counter-Irish terror-

ism branch has been circulat-

ing the latest secret intelligence to Scotland Yard and other police forces in the country, ensuring that no one in authority is in any doubt about the seriousness of the present IRA threat. Security sources also issued a warning that, although the current campaign was focusing on causing chaos on roads and railways, there remained a strong possibility that the terrorists would switch tactics

and attempt another "spectac-

ular" bomb attack.

The Home Office said that a law allowing for a second day of polling in the event of riot could be used to extend the election, but it will take legal advice. The Representation of the People Act 1983 gives a constituency's presiding officer the power to order re-sumed polling the following day in the event of a "riot or open violence" at a polling station. There is no law to cover any terrorist disruption

at polling stations. MI5 and the police are trying not to give the impression that they have received intelligence of a specific IRA plot to disrupt polling. However, there is perceived to be sufficient "general" intelligence material to mount a special effort for May I.

Travel chaos, page 2

Election day alert | Laurel and Hardy brought after IRA phone in to do battle for Labour

By OUR POLITICAL EDITOR

LAUREL AND HARDY join the election today in the guise of the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer. Labour is portraying John Major and Kenneth Clarke as Stan and Ollie to illustrate its claim that Britain has sunk to 21st place in a "world prosperity league". But the advertisement in

The Times with its caption "Another fine mess" echoes a very similar cartoon drawn by the newspaper's political car-toonist, Peter Brookes. A theft? It's like all these things," says Brookes.

There's no such thing as an original idea. I also once did a cartoon of Blair and Prescott as Laurel and Hardy. Both these pairs lend themselves to that kind of caricature.

"Curiously, I also did a drawing of a double-headed John Major on an ECU and

Labour did that poster of a double-headed Major on tax. The first time you think, oh that's an interesting coinci-dence. The second time you wonder if they really are

keeping an eye on what cartoonists are drawing." Marion Cubin of the Laurel and Hardy Museum in Ulverston, Cumbria, said the pair would have enjoyed seeing their image used in this way. They are no strangers to the political arena: one sticker at the museum reads "Maggie

Thatcher does the work of two

men - Laurel and Hardy". Today they are being used to reinforce Gordon Brown's interpretation of Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development figures on national income per head, which he says shows that Britain has slumped down

prosperity league". The Shadow Chancellor says that since 1979 Britain has been overtaken by Italy, Japan, Finland, Hong Kong, Singapore and

The Paris-based think-tank is generally considered the definitive authority on international economic comparisons, but the figures must be taken with a pinch of salt (Anatole Kaletsky writes).

Most economists regard countries whose per capita. GDPs are within 10 per cent of one another as having essentially the same standard of living. On this basis, Britain is broadly in the same league as France, Italy, Sweden, Holland and most other European countries. It is, however, clearly behind Germany, Austria and Belgium and far behind America, Switzerland, Hong Kong and Norway.



Labour's "Stan" Major and "Ollie" Clarke and Peter Brookes's 1994 cartoon version

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Worst chaos yet in IRA campaign to disrupt transport

By STEWART TENDLER, HARVEY ELLIOTT AND DANIEL McGrory

60 flights in and out each

hour, more than 8,000 depart-

ing passengers had to be

looked after for hours when all

the airport closed. Stansted

closed for an hour and some

incoming passengers were left sitting for hours in their

closed and, to the frustration

of its staff, remained so for

much longer than Gatwick because every available bomb disposal unit was busy in

London or at Gatwick and

could not be spared until

last night, though forensic teams continued their investi-

gation of a suspect package.

Bomb squad officers had blown up the device which

was discovered in an empty

office close to the main doors

of the arrivals building. That

part of the terminal remained

John Major expressed his

contempt for the IRA and Sinn

Fein. He also praised the

"stoicism and good humour"

of the thousands of travellers

whose journeys had been

Tony Blair said: "It is a clear

attempt by the IRA to disrupt

the British general election. We will not let them do so,"

cordoned off last night.

disrupted

The police blockade at Luton was lifted after eight hours

AIRLINE passengers, rail commuters and drivers across London and the South East were stranded for hours yesterday as the IRA launched its biggest attempt yet to disrupt the mainland transport

At the peak of the disruption during the morning rush hour Gatwick, Luton and Stansted airports were completely closed. Security searches were under way at Heathrow's Terminal Three and police evacuated King's Cross, St Pancras, Charing Cross and Paddington railway stations and Baker Street Underground. The Eastern Docks at Dover were also closed.

Trains coming into London from the west were stopped at Ealing Broadway. Trains coming from the south to Waterloo and Charing Cross were diverted to Canon Street. London Bridge and Victoria. Those from the north were halted at Stevenage.

Later in the day the three stations at Watford were closed after more coded warnings. On the road network police had to close some roads into London to stop further chaos

In central London Trafalgar Square was eerily empty in the rush hour. Elsewhere motor-ing organisations reported the

worst traffic chaos seen in the capital, with total gridlock in some areas with Whitehall, Pall Mall, parts of the Embankment and Euston Road. The disruption follows other

attacks in recent weeks. On Friday the IRA left a trail of chaos in the north of England with hoax calls warning of bombs at stations and on the Mo. On April 3 they struck at the M6 and M1 in the Midlands and on March 25 they bombed Wilmslow station in

The disruption began with a flurry of coded and uncoded messages at about 7am. At Gatwick which handles 50 to

Handbook on warning calls

Organisations that might get bomb warnings were urged by police to study the Home Office's handbook for managers and security officers on handling bomb threats. Bombs: Protecting People and Property tells switchboards the information they should try to get to help police judge the seri-ousness of the risk. The operator might also get information that could help



Disruption 'will last until May 1'

BY NICHOLAS WATT CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

SINN FEIN resorted to its familiar refrain yesterday of blaming everyone apart from republicans for the series of IRA bomb warnings on the mainland. As Unionists gave warning that the IRA would step up its campaign of disruption right up until polling day. Sinn Fein accused John Major of provoking the

Speaking at Sinn Fein's weekly elec-tion press conference in Belfast, Martin McGuinness, the party's chief negotiator. said: "I see all of these things as the symptoms of the failure of the British

Prime Minister John Major to develop the opportunity which was created by the IRA cessation of August 1994."

Mr McGuinness qualified his remarks by saying that the prospects of a new government and a strong performance at the polls by Sinn Fein offered an opportunity to rebuild the peace process. The IRA and Sinn Fein leadership are

using the disruption on the mainland to send a blunt message to the next government unless it changes course on Northern Ireland, by relaxing the conditions for Sinn Fein's entry into talks, then the mainland will face more violence.

Mr Major and Tony Blair both stood firm yesterday in the face of the carefully

orchestrated IRA campaign. In recent weeks they have united in toughening up the conditions for republicans. However, the IRA is convinced that exploding bombs and causing disruption will eventually make the British people want to wash their hands of "the Irish

problem". Loyalists were thought to be responsible for exploding a pipe bomb outside the Sinn Fein press office in the Shantallow area of Londonderry yesterday. Minor scorch damage was caused to the door of the office when the small pipe bomb exploded at 3am. The area, which was sealed by the police, was reopened later

Stoicism saves the day for grounded fliers

By Alan Hamilton

finding the most comfortable seat in the house — the cab of a baggage truck. However, at the age of 72 she was still eeling the cold in the cargo hangar that did duty as Luton Airport's temporary passenger terminal.

Hundreds of travellers displayed patience and stoicism the typical British reaction in London and the South East to the IRA's disruption tactics -as they waited most of the day for the airport to reopen

and their flights to take off. Some lay in the sunshine on grass verges; others stretched out on the tarmac with their luggage for pillows. Many more made the half-mile walk to a nearby Asda supermarket which had thoughtfully set up tables and chairs in its entrance lobby and was offering free tea, coffee and

sandwiches The morning had started chaotically. Doreen Tighe and her 22-month-old son, Jack, heard reports on the radio before they left home in Northampton at 8.30. "I tried to ring the airport but couldn't get through. The traffic from the

MAUREEN O'SHEA made motorway through Luton was the best of a had iob vesterday. they still hadn't opened the

temporary car park. Andrew and Maxine Openshaw from Leicester, en route Dublin. stretched on the grass munching Asda sandwiches, "It's frustrating and really childish, but it's still frightening that they can hold the country to ransom with a few phone calls," Mr Openshaw said.

Early-morning fliers arriving at Luton by train were held at the station for two hours before being taken by coach to the airport. Around the airport itself, the streets were littered with parked cars, many belonging to airport workers unsure of what to do.

As the hours dragged by, a camaraderie developed. People shared their food, struck up new friendships. exchanged travel horrors.

If I'd thought about it. I

should have guessed the IRA would do something on the Queen's birthday," one frish passenger, who declined to give her name, said. "I am not at all amused. I hate the IRA. They are achieving nothing except a lot of inconvenience."

NEWS IN BRIE Haughey 'took £1.3m in secret'

Charles Haughey, the former Irish Prime Minister, re-ceived £1.3 million in secret payments from a supermarket tycoon while still head of the Dublin Government, a public inquiry was lold

Rapist who against ce against ce is sent to I

vesterday.

Ben Dunne, the former head of Dunnes Stores, alleged that he made the payments under false names into off-shore bank accounts to help Mr Haughey out his financial difficulties. Mr Haughey was involved in detail negotiations on Northern Ireland with the British Government at the time of the payments, allegedly made in four instalments between December 1987 and November 1991. Mr Haughey. who was not at the hearing, denied any knowledge of the payments in letters to the Dunne family's

The tribunal continues.

Bishop calls for gay marriages

A leading Church of England bishop called last night for the church to sanction homosexual "marriage". The Right Rev John Baker, former Bishop of Salisbury, also suggested that the end of such a marriage should be marked with a "divorce".

His views were countered by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr George Carey, who made clear that he disagreed with the bishop's stance.

Victory roll for Andrex makers

The lavatory paper maker Andrex won a High Court battle to stop a rival firm using promotional packaging that made it appear the com-

panies were connected.

Nouvelle Quilted promised "Softness guaranteed (or we'll exchange it for Andrex)". The court gave Andrex an injunction banning Nouvelle's mak-ers from using its trade mark, which the judge said could mislead shoppers.

Boy died after pretending to fall

A schoolboy several times pretended to fall from a 200ft cliff before he really fell to his death, an Eastbourne inquest was told. Jamie Underdown, 10, had faked a fall six times as he walked with his sister and two of her friends along cliffs at Seaford, East Sussex, on March 15. The three girls told a passerby that they thought Jamie had fallen "but he may be joking and hiding". Verdict: accidental death.

Firefighters' strike escalates

The strike by Essex fire-fighters escalated yesterday when the Fire Brigades Union announced further action against cuts of £1.5 million in the service. Stoppages will take place tomorrow.

April 30 and May 3. Green Goddesses, the 40 rear-old appliances manned by troops, were called out to lo incidents yesterday, none serious, during the second stoppage called by the union.

Gorbachevs go shopping as Gatwick closes

By RICHARD DUCE AND LIN JENKINS

THE former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and his wife Raisa were among thouat Gatwick yesterday. While most passengers were forced aircraft. Gorbachevs booked into the £150-a-night presidential suite at Gatwick's Ramada Hotel with their entourage in adjoining rooms.

After lunch they went shopping in the West End of London in a chauffeur-driven Daimler, tailed by Russian embassy staff. More than 8,000 passen-

gers at the airport were evacuated in an exercise described as "copybook" by the police. The man with the unenviable task of sorting out the chaos was David Cumming, the airport's director of operations, who only took up his new job on April I. Mr Cumming was driving to work when received a bleep from the duty officer, but like thousands of others, he could not get near the airport.

He ran a crisis centre at the airport's emergency meeting Pottage a few miles from Gatwick until the all-clear, when he moved back to the airport and began clearing the 130 stranded aircraft.

local roads and access from

the M23 were closed. More than 30,000 people queued behind the security cordon. Some abandoned their cars and tried to walk while others simply read newspapers on the grass verges as they listened for

"I was frankly amazed at

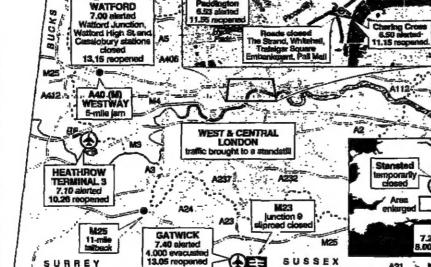
sengers were. Many of them had been flying for ten hours and then to be told they had to sit on board an aircraft was terrible. But they were wonderful," he said. Many passengers were stuck in their aircraft for several hours in safe areas on the tarmac after they touched down, as those heading for flights were corralled into hangars for safety. Staff and travellers in the north and south terminals walked to emergency holding areas in the car parks, while

news on the radio.

Sussex police, who mounted the security cordon, consearch on the railway station

day and night

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below the south terminal and the railway track after the coded warning to an airline at 7.12am. No device was found.

The south terminal reopened at 1.20pm and the north at 2.30pm. Roads were closed again for half an hour in the afternoon after luggage left in a car park sparked another alert. Many passengers faced the prospect of a night in the airport while one American student said she would head for London in the hope of finding a room there. If that failed she planned to spend the night on Victoria

Raymond Hellen, whose daughter and four-year-old grandson were due to fly to Florida, said: "Last night we saw Gerry Adams talking about peace and harmony in Sinn Fein's party political broadcast. It is somewhat ironic given that this today was hardly an accident. It is

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coming ones at about 4.30pm. Sussex police said the closure caused traffic jams up to 15

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Carl and Gill Williamson arriving from Toronto with five-month-old Linden to visit his grandparents for the first time, said they had been well looked after during the delay. "It has taken some hours to get through, but everyone has been great. People seem to understand that it is difficult with a baby and they were terrific," said Mr Williamson.



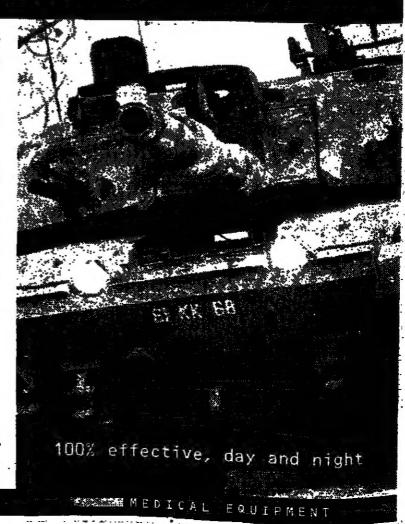
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RSPCA's biggest bequest contested by widow cut out of the will

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE RSPCA is being challenged in court by the widow of an Australian businessmen who decided to leave £8 million to the charity days before his death.

Leon D. Richardson, a dog-lover and well-known financial commen-tator who had survived kidnapcorruption charges, rewrote his will nine days before dying of a heart attack in Hong Kong in May 1995, aged 77.

Margie Richardson, 76, his wife of 40 years, from whom he had separated in 1994, launched a legal action in the Hong Kong High Court yesterday over her late husband's fortune.

Mrs Richardson contends that her husband was suffering from

"morbid jealousy" and was of unsound mind when he scrapped his original will, in which everything was left to her.

According to Mrs Richardson's writ. her husband's delusions led him to accuse her of infidelity and claims that she hired gangsters to kill him. The writ says that Mr Richardson expressed the view in a letter dated February 24, 1995, that

couple had enjoyed a deeply loving relationship but Mr Richardson began to suffer from morbid jealousy" in the last months of his life. Letters written by Mr Richardson to relatives "showed quite clearly this poor man to have been a lonely, paranoid and delusional

heinous, sinning, fiend-like, immoral depravity.

Yesterday John Scott, QC, for Mrs Richardson, said that the Michael Thomas, QC, for the

Michael Thomas, QC, for the executors of the will, denied that Mr Richardson was suffering from any mental disability when he signed the will. Friends and colleagues of the businessman say he had suffered from a chronic heart condition and was under stress from the recent break-up with his

wife when he died. Mrs Richard-son had received more than £2 million from her husband after they

According to the RSPCA yester-day, Mr Richardson kept Newfoundland dogs and a poodle which he unted with a pink rinse. A spokeswoman said: "If we were to receive the whole £8 million, then I think it would be our

marvellous thing for animal wel-fare in the UK and abroad ... and would cover the cost, for instance, of running just one of our seven animal hospitals for eight years."

The RSPCA spends some £40 million a year in running investigations, mounting prosecu-tions, in veterinary treatment and in housing sick animals

The case is expected to last ten biggest legacy ever. It would be a

Rapist who plotted against celebrities is sent to Rampton

A WOMAN-hating psychopath who planned to stalk and rob famous women, including the actress Fiona Fullerton, was sent yesterday to Rampton high-security mental hospital indefinitely.

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Rodney Barnes, 31, who became known as the Mayfair Rapist, raped a West End croupier and robbed seven women at gunpoint during a six-week period beginning on his thirtieth birthday in March last year. Police found a list of 30 targets including Miss Fullerton, star of the television series The Charmer. as well as the former wife of a comedian and other women celebrities he had traced through electoral registers.

When caught on May 14, he told police the robberies were "a game plan" to raise money for a real gun so he could murder his former wife, mother, former mother-in-law, and

Barnes, from South Ockendon, Essex, suffered from a psychopathic disorder and a schizophrenic-related condition, the Old Bailey was told. A Rampton psychiatrist described him as "one of the most dangerous men I have seen in my professional career". Barnes was being

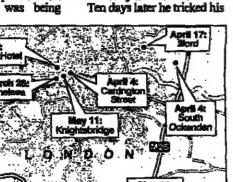


Barnes: "game plan" was four murders

hunted by eight police forces while he targeted lone women living around the M25. Driving a stolen car, he threatened them with an air pistol that resembled a real firearm.

He admitted 15 offences including rape, kidnap, inde-cent assault, seven robberies, theft and firearms possession. His victims sat in the public gallery as Judge Boal, QC, was told that the 32-year-old Mayfair croupier tried to com-mit suicide after her four-hour ordeal, in which she was kidnapped in a Mayfair car park, driven around London in her own car, forced to have sex without a condom and to

wash away the evidence.



woman's hotel room in central London, forced her to strip and told her: "I'm going to rape you" before she screamed and he fied. Other robberies were carried out in Weybridge, Surrey; Itford, Essex; and Cheshunt, Hertfordshire. Police found a list of potential victims in Bournemouth, London, Berkshire and Manchester, where his former wife lived after escaping from their

violent marriage.

He showed little remorse, the court was told, and objected to the presence of a woman police officer. He complained of hearing voices in his head during the robberies and of being in a trance-like state. Judge Boal said: "You struck terror into the hearts of your victims and no doubt put countless other women in fear of becoming your next victim. The medical and emotional consequences on some of your

victims is incalculable." Detective Inspector David Hills, of the Central London major investigation pool, said Barnes had got "reasonably close" to Miss Fullerton and to other women on his list. "Had he had the time, I think he would have got round to

A spokesman for Miss Fullerton, 40, said last night: "She was aware of this man at the time. She is delighted that he has been put behind bars and is no longer a danger."

Barnes's stepmother, Drusilla Smith, 53, said he could never accept his mother walking out on him when he was six months old. "When he was 18 he tracked her down, but she still didn't want to know. He has used this as his excuse over the years, but there comes a point when you can't carry on blaming your early life for what you are getting up to,"



George: shared a bed with Brandon in squats

Musician sues Boy George over gay sex claim

BY A STAFF REPORTER

ROCK musician Kirk Brandon admitted in court yesterday that he shared a bed with Boy George — who he knew fancied him — but denied the homosexual singer ever made a pass at him.

Brandon, who married his Danish wife two years ago and has a baby daughter, said he had slept with the former Culture Club singer at various squats, when he could not get home after a night's clubbing in the early 1980s.

However, George (real name George O'Dowd), who dressed and behaved as an effeminate homosexual at the time, never laid a hand on him. At the High Court, George's counsel, Patrick Moloney, suggested the blond frontman of Spear of Destiny and Theatre of Hate "crossed the line" in this one relationship and engaged in homo-sexual activity with someone he thought of almost as a girl.

"I suggest that when you were in bed with Boy George, [various homosexual acts] Man, was "a total lie". Mr Brandon, 40, of East Dulwich, southeast London, is suing Boy George, book publishers Sidgwick and took place," Mr Moloney Jackson, Virgin Records and EMI Virgin Music for mulicious faisehood over the book and a CD, Cheapness and Beauty, which contained a song about him entitled Un-finished Business.

He says they damaged his family and business associates at a crucial stage in his career, when he was trying to get back to the top after two years of illness.

Mr Brandon said that when he first met George at The became famous, he thought he was "very strange". It was clear he was a homosexual who liked wearing women's makeup and outrageous clothes. Mr Moloney showed the court photographs in

Kirk Brandon with his wife Christina and their daughter yesterday George were lying together on a bed "having a cuddle". He said he believed that

George had tried to "out" him as a homosexual in revenge for his imagined rejection and as a strategy to boost sales of his book and CD. "Unbeknown to me, in the midst of his wealth, his obsession for me turned into something bitter, some might call it evil, a grudge. He believed I had mped him. Perhaps somewhere in his drug problems, or whatever, his hatred focused on me ... some years later revenge became a cleverly calculated possibility. He

wrote his book and wrote of

the relationship he really

imagined he had had."

Sister's fear a simple phobia

last desperate appeal to her sister yesterday to save her life with a bone-marrow donation, Angela Latham, 39, had her hopes raised last week when her sister Susan Squires promised to reconsider ber decision not to donate because of her fear of hospitals. But at the weekend Miss Squires insisted she had not agreed to go shead with the

Miss Squires might be surprised to learn that her fear is classified medically as being a simple phobia. In Miss Squires's case, the phobia seems anything but

In the consulting room, the phobias of which pa-

tients frequently complain are divided into simple phobias, social phobias and agoraphobias. Agoraphobia can be translated as meaning a fear of open places, but it is now used in broader terms to describe the extreme fear induced in someone when they feel that they are unable to leave a situation that they visualise as being threatening. It could be a cinema, a church, a lift or a crowd. Social phobias are those induced by an unreasonable fear of performing, and of subsequently being judged and criticised for this activity. Problems can vary from speaking and eating in public to having

When patients have one isolated phobia - whether it is a specific fear of spiders, flying, blood, doc-tors, hospitals, dentists or injections - but are otherwise untroubled, it is described as a simple

Very often a pulverising dose of a tranquilliser will overcome the immediate problems, but they do not provide any long-term re-lief and may induce drug-

dependency. Treatment of underlying problems, whether psychiatric, depressive or psychological, can often be treated with psychotherapy or drugs. Some doctors drugs. Some doctors believe that patients should learn to face their fears by being deliberately exposed to them, either in situations that are made gradually more threatening, or by being confronted by the worst aspect of the anxiety that the patient can visualise — by being

> DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

thrown in, as it were, at the

Injury time in race with Robbie Fowler

A TAXI driver broke both arms when he ran into a wall at the end of a school's fun race for fathers that also involved Robbie Fowler, the Liverpool and England foot-baller. Brian Comer, 39, de-nied he desperately tried to beat the star forward and lost

Mr Corner is suing the overnors of St Patrick's RC Primary School, Toxteth. Liverpool, for damages, alleg-ing negligence. Adrian Lyon, for the prosecution, claimed yesterday that there was no track and no finishing line and the school owed a duty of

By A STAFF REPORTER was an old boy of the school

which his younger brother and cousins attended. He said he had been invited to take part in the race on July 14, 1994, and agreed as a bit of

but slipped at the start and finished by running up the wall at the finish, which he thought was the finishing Asked by the judge whether he thought the other fathers

were keen to beat him, Ms anything about someone especally wanting to win the

Father beat up child molester

BY A STAFF REPORTER

AN ANGRY father who bit off the earlobe of a man who molested his 10-year-old

daughter wept as he walked free from court vesterday. The 40-year-old stormed round to John Wane's home. swore at him and repeatedly kicked and punched him in

the head and body, knocking

him unconscious.

As Wane lay motionless on the floor, his attacker, described in court as an "exemplary and hard-working" employee, chewed off his earlobe and spat it into a fireplace. Later he told police: "He had been interfering with my daughter. I will kill him." Wane, of Stalybridge, Greater Manchester, suffered

a broken nose and shoulder.

and extensive bruising. He

needed plastic surgery on his

Wane, 41, had groped the girl while he was drunk. Earlier this month Wane was jailed for 12 months for indecent assault after forcing the girl to relive her ordeal in the witness box. At Manchester Crown Court yesterday the girl's father - who cannot be named to protect her identity - pleaded guilty to inflicting grievous bodily harm and

sobbed as he was given a ninemonth suspended prison sen-Judge Timothy Mort told him: It is difficult to know what the reaction of a parent might be in such circumonly the attack and the ordeal of having to relive it in the witness box, but also to find her father had gone to jail. "The extreme provocation of this incident make these cir-

categorically deny every sin-

thermore, certainly when you were with Mr O'Dowd's

friends, if not yours, the two of

you behaved in an affection-

ate manner, embracing, hold-

ing hands, as two homosexual lovers would."

Mr Brandon replied: "I

would say no to that, sir." He

told Mr Justice Douglas

Brown that the alleged affair,

detailed in George's 1995 autobiography, Take It Like A

Mr Moloney said: "Fur-

cumstances wholly exception-al," he added. Earlier the court was told that the girl was the man's only surviving child.

John Chaplin, for the prose

cution, said Wane indecently assaulted the youngster last September after drinking in pubs in Stalybridge all day. Mark Benson, for the defence, said: This was extreme

provocation involving a man acting out of emotional anger and distress. He acted out of stances. Were I to deprive you character and he is ashamed of your liberty that little girl of his behaviour and accepts it would suffer the trauma of not

Judge asks victim to remove make-up

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A JUDGE halted a court case so that a young mother could remove her make-up to show the scars from a beating by a former boyfriend.

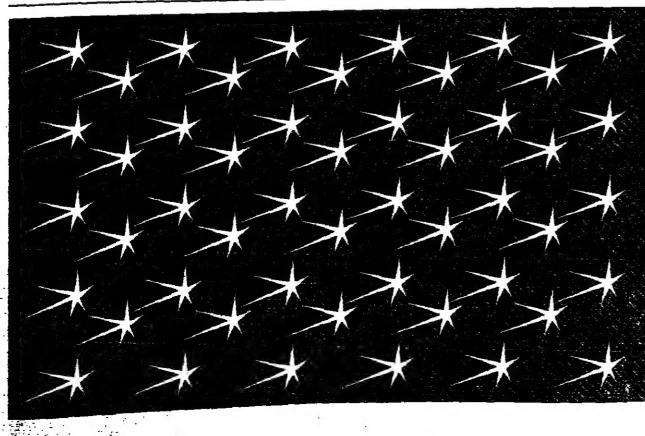
Judge Grills then awarded E5,000 damages to Amanda Barrott, 29, who is too embarrassed to leave the home without carefully masking the results of the assault. After changing his spectacles to have a close look at the injuries, the judge told her: "I am surprised just how bad the scars are after seeing you

without any make-up. "I accept that the scars can be covered up with make-up, but we pass this way just once and the fact is she will always

carry them. For a young woman this is of considerable significance.

He had ordered an 'ad-journment in her claim for pain and trauma at York County Court, so that she could remove her lipstick, foundation, blusher, eye shadow and mascara.

Mark Rogers, 25, a kitchen fitter, attacked her in her York home in March 1995, as her two children slept upstairs. In March last year, he was given 120 hours' community service for assault and criminal damage. He was then ordered to pay £200 compensation for smashing her stereo system and £250 for her injuries.



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Management ethic 'is driving young doctors to despair'

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and no hot meals amounted to

a failure of organisational

Far more serious were fail-

ures "of ill-maintained or fail-

disputes between medical and

non-medical staff concerning

vital support services to pa-

tients, and inappropriate use of skilled medical personnel

on tasks which required a

much lower level of skill". The

report also found a break-

down in co-operation between

The survey does not repre-sent BMA policy but it

crystalises feelings of younger doctors working in hospitals and practices all around the

country. It involved creating

small discussion groups of

doctors drawn from a random

sample of the BMA's

database, based on age, sex

and grade in the health

medical and nursing staff.

housekeeping."

DOCTORS believe they are being turned into "technical monkeys" by clipboard-toting managers more interested in number crunching than the health of patients, according to a damning study of the health service for the British Medical

Unrealistic demands and a culture of complaint inspired by the Patient's Charter were found to be causing stress and burnout. Nurses were often regarded as "the enemy", while poor housekeeping meant doctors were required to clean floors, wheel patients to the front door or run around trying to find batteries for

equipment.
The survey, written by Isobel Allen of the Policy Studies Institute, concentrated on consultants, general practitioners and junior doctors aged under 40. It found the stress of constantly being "bleeped" and of being required to meet management targets meant that most were already planning an early

The report says: "There was repeated evidence that for many of them their commitment to patients was the only factor which was preventing

them from leaving medicine." Even the doctors' traditional spirit of inquiry was disappearing. The younger generation of doctors are so occupied in routine aspects of the practice of medicine and the external requirements that now surround it that they are perhaps unable to lift their heads above the routine in the way previous generations

Doctors' problems stemmed largely from increasingly intrusive and aggressive man-agement, which meant speeding up consultations and seeing more patients. "Many comment that their professional judgment and practice were being challenged by administrators with little conception of the level and type of patient care that doctors are trying to deliver."

Increasing demands by managers with clipboards meant "their ability to provide caring and compassionate medicine was being constantly eroded by management's demands on them to maintain throughput and numbers and to account for their time."

The intrusive management. however, failed to provide good working conditions. "In-



Indy the tiger visits Molly Ladbrook-Hutt in Guy's Hospital. "The week before we had rabbits," Molly said

Tiger ousts rabbit as pet treatment on the ward

By TIM JONES

TOYS, books and puzzles help to keep sick children amuse but they cannot compare with

a visit from a tiger.

The introduction of Indy, a five-month-old Bengal tiger, to the children's unit at Guy's Hospital, southeast London, marks a new stage in pet therapy.

Accompanied by Giles Clark, its keeper, Indy, who has been hand reared, behaved impeccably as it rested its front paws on the beds and

gazed at young admirers.

Molly Ladbrook-Hutt. 13.

who has been at Guy's for
more than five weeks, said: The week before we had rabbits so the tiger was fantastic. It was so exciting and made me feel better."

The visit was instigated by Melinda Edwards, the principal child psychologist, who is a great believer in pet therapy. She said: "I expected a flopcared bunny or a little dog. not a baby tiger. It is an exceptional treat for the children, not to mention the staff, to get that close to such an

Hospital building plan 'could harm NHS'

By IAN MURRAY

THE National Health Service will shrink and be unable to provide a comprehensive range of treatments as a direct result of government efforts to attract private funding to build hospitals, according to the British Medical Journal.

The report forecasts reducrioris of 26 per cent of beds in England and 30 per cent in Scotland over the next five years. "The Government has set great store on increasing activity as a performance measure of more patients treated and shorter waiting times. The bed reductions proposed here will reduce the level of activity," Dr Allyson Pollock, of St George's Hospital Medical School, writes in this week's

Dr Pollock investigated 17 first-wave hospital schemes funded by the Private Finance Initiative on behalf of the NHS Consultants' Associ-ation, the Radical Statistics Health Group and the NHS Support Federation.

Under the initiative NHS trusts invite private contractors to meet "output specification", defined not by the number of beds needed but the expected level of clinical activiry. Once the contractor has been selected there could be further bed reductions. The contractor, having bought the site from the NHS, can make other use of areas not needed

to fulfill its contract. The report said that because of the failure of the private plans to consider the impact of the closure of smaller hospitals the total number of beds lost had been underestimated.

BY OUR MEDICAL

In a report published yesterday the college said that the 50 per cent decrease in the number of psychiatric beds in the past 15 years had not been matched by an increase in services to cope with patients no longer in hospital care. It said that provision of beds to provide long-term care for very dependent mentally ill people and staff shortages meant that proven therapies were not widely available.

The college blames "a fundamental failure in the development and implementation of mental health policies" for the crisis. While supporting the principles of community care, the college said that a widespread failure of health and local authorities to develop joint plans to implement the policy had put the system under intolerable pressure.

The report said that 12 per NHS in the early 1990s".

Psychiatric care close to collapse, says report

MENTAL health services are on the point of collapse in some parts of the country and the community care policy is in danger of falling spart, according to the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

cent of men and 18 per cent of women had clinically significant psychiatric problems, and 100 million working days a year were lost through mental health-related causes. The financial burden of this. the 5,000 suicides a year, and the high cost of inquiries into homicides by mentally disordered people needed to be seen against the need to restore the resources "that quietly leached away into other parts of the

Eye implants can save sight of Aids patients

AN IMPLANT placed inside the eye can save the sight of Aids patients with a common infection. (Nigel Hawkes writes). By releasing drugs slowly and in the right place, the Vitrasert implant controls eye infections caused by cytomegalovirus, which affect up to 40 per cent of Aids patients. Dr Bai Dhillon, consultant ophthalmologist at the Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion at Edinburgh Royal Infirma-

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ry, believes the implant could be used to treat common eye conditions such as macular degeneration — the commonest cause of blindness in the elderly - and diabetic retinopathy, blindness caused by diabetes. "In any chronic disease of the back of the eye. getting the drug to the right place is the key," he said. "Drops work for the front of

the eye but for the retina we either have to inject the drug into the eye or dose the entire patient, which can have sideeffects. The operation normally takes less than an hour and patients generally return home the same day."

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Chocolate carrot could help tomorrow's adults beat cancer

way frivolous," he added.

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tell people to stop smoking, or

to use strong sun cream

protection but the advice is

often ignored. It is the same

with vegetables. A third of

cancers are due to diet and the

first hurdle is to get children to

fresh fruit and vegetables are

good for children but they just don't serve them. Children are

cocking their noses up at the

Every parent knows that

eat any vegetable at all.

MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

CHOCOLATE-flavoured carrots went on sale yesterday as part of a drive to turn the vegetable-resistant children of today into the cancer-resistant adults of tomorrow.

Backed by the Cancer Research Campaign and packed by Iceland Foods, the carrots are aimed at the choosy palates of children who refuse to eat vegetables and thus fail to absorb enough vitamin C to help to provide protection against cancer in later life. The range also includes cheeseand-onion cauliflower, pizzaflavoured sweetcorn and peas that taste like baked beans.

They have been tested and approved by panels of child-ren aged five to thirteen in Wales and the North West. The tasters rejected bubblegum broccoli, toffee-apple sweetcurn and prawn-cocktail cauliflower but a second generation of the Wacky Veg range will be launched in June children who are not tempted by the first offerings. The idea came from Professor Gordon McVie, Director-Gen-

eral of the cancer campaign, after a University of Strath-clyde study showed that, increasingly, mothers were not bothering to cook vegetables for children, who also refuse to eat them in school canteens.

The only day in the year when children are enough vegetables was Christmas, he said, when they were part of a festive meal cooked with more care and served with more sauces. "For me, it is an experiment in changing be-haviour patterns. It is a humorous experiment and

Crime against taste, say chefs

LEADING chefs' reactions to the child-friendly vegetables ranged from disbelief to can go to the park if they eat their food. These products will destroy children's future

Marco Pierre White, a father of three who runs The Restaurant Marco Pierre White at the Hyde Park Hotel, a Michelin three-star establishment, said: "Not wishing to comment says everything about these prod-ucts. I think it is better to bribe children than this - say they

Nico Ladenis, of the Michelin three-star Chez Nico at 90 Park Lane, who has two grown-up daughters, said: "I cannot conceive of chocolate going with carrots but if they have to use weird combinations they are doing it the wrong way. The colour alone must be borrid: people eat

get them to alter their eating patterns? I thought of all the with different-flavour crisps, and thought that if children liked eating potatoes in this way, it might be possible with

The challenge was taken up two months ago by Malcolm Walker, chairman of loeland, who admitted he originally thought it would be no more than a good PR stunt. "In fact it is turning out to be a very serious business indeed," he

with the eye, it's the first sense. I don't know how children would be attracted to such a messy thing."

Albert Roux, chef of the

Michelin two-star Le Gavroche, who has two children and two grandchildren, said: "It is criminal to do this to children's palates. If you want a child to eat vegetables you have to talk to them about flavour. They must identify the flavour of each vegetable.

them and this is going to be a big seller. We expect to turn over around £500,000 in the next three months. These flavours may sound revolting to adults, but children like them. "Chefs like Nico may be a

bit sniffy but that has nothing to do with it. Adults usually aren't thrilled by what their children eat but if this gets them to eat their vegetables I don't see it as a great problem. It is better to eat good vegeta-bles tasting of chocolate than not to eat vegetables at all."

The range sells at 99p for a l lb bag compared with £1.29 for carrot-flavoured carrots. "We think the pricing is right and affordable for parents who care about children's health," Mr Walker said.

Two techniques have been used for the flavours: the carrots and sweetcorn come with granules of the flavour mixed with the vegetables, while the cauliflower and peas are coated with a seasoned sauce. Iceland says the frozen vegetables retain all their vitamin C, while fresh ones lose it rapidly after picking.

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Shenley Fields Nursery School in Birmingham

It's out of this world, says young test panel

By VALERIE ELLIOTT

WHAT, my son James wanted to know, are these chocolate carrots for? "Are they for

Quite. But he judged them really nice. "It's just like having hot drinking chocolate. I can taste the carrots though. They seem really delicious, not like the carrots you give us."

That seemed to be the vital ingredient for James. 11, and his brother Charles. 6, although the latter was not, so convinced. Nor was he too keen on the baked beanflavoured peas. "You know I don't like peas, and I don't like baked beans either."

Courageously, James pushed spoonfuls into his mouth and beamed. "It's just like peas with baked bean sauce. But I think it would have been better if they had just used tomato sauce."

He summed up: "I think they are very nice, but don't bother to get any more. I couldn't eat them with anything else. Who would eat this chocolate stuff with chicken or lamb chops?"

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The basket hit the bridge wall and burst open, allowing the cat to escape.

From the basket, that is. It managed to swim for more than half an hour in the freezing water, during which

time it meowed quite a lot. It was finally rescued

and taken to an RSPCA hospital, where it was 🛌 🐝 treated for exhaustion, shock and fluid on the lungs.

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Council may dye canal to restore colour to fishing

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

BRITAIN'S oldest canal is to mental bodies because the be dyed khaki or blue in an attempt to protect the fish from being plundered by cormorants before anglers have a chance to catch them.

Exeter City Council has devised the scheme because of growing complaints by fishermen who say the clarity of the water in the Exeter Ship Canal is spoiling their sport. Jack Nott, the council's river

and canal manager, said: "We are looking at using natural dyes to put in the canal on days before angling matches. This could make it easier for the anglers to catch fish and deter cormorants by making it harder for the birds to see

Until the 1960s coasters regularly used the canal, stirring up sediment and keeping the water muddy. Nowadays the water is crystal clear during winter, which has increased the number of fish

being taken by cormorants.

Martin Rich, chairman of the council's leisure committee said: "We have tried various other ways of increasng turbidity, such as dragging chains along the bottom of the canal and letting in muddy water from the nearby River Exe. but the effects were shortlived. The plan is to try the dyes out on a two-mile stretch of the canal most used by anglers but we still need to get approval from English Vature and other environ-

canal flows through a site of special scientific interest."

Anglers said yesterday that more drastic action was needed to control cormorants. Paul Marks, membership trustee of the Exeter and District Angling Association, said: Twenty years ago you rarely saw a cormorant on the canal but last December there were about 70 in permanent resi-dence and each bird can catch about 2lb of fish a day. Culling is the only real solution."

Anglers want the Govern-ment to relax the legal protection given to cormorants and permit culling of the birds by fisheries managers. But ornichange in the law. They blame the rapid growth of artificially stocked lakes and reservoirs for the increased number of cormorants.



Silent spring as cold halves bird numbers

GARDENS and woodlands are expected to be quieter places this spring (Nick Nuttall writes). Populations of many common birds have halved over the past year.

Experts believe the bitterly cold spring and early summer of 1996 made it impossible for many parent birds to feed their young because caterpil-lars and insect larvae were in short supply.

Chris Mead, of the British Trust for Ornithology, which carries out the annual sur-veys, said: "I estimate that more than 40 million chicks species hit worst." All 24 widespread species surveyed by bird ringers at 120 sites produced fewer young. Worst sufferers are the long-tailed tit (55 per cent down), dunnock (48 per cent), wren (45), whitethroat (44), blackcap (43), lesser whitethroat (39), sedge

warbler (32) and robin (27). The treecreeper, chaffinch chiffchaff, blue tit, great tit, garden warbler and willow warbler declined by 27 to 18 per cent in the biggest widespread failure since the survey began in the early 1980s.



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Police officers known as The Syndicate showed suspect forged document, appeal court told

'Pressure and lies made Bridgewater man confess'

A GROUP of police officers known as The Syndicate used pressure and forgery to pressure an innocent man into confessing involvement in the shooting of the newspaper boy Carl Bridgewater, the Court of Appeal was told yesterday.

Opening the appeal by the Bridgewater Four against their convictions for the 1978 killing, Michael Mansfield, QC, said that police were intent on gaining an admission. His client, Patrick Molloy — who died in prison four years later — had denied involvement 80 times but he was isolated, refused access to a solicitor, questioned for hours and cracked after being shown a forged confession by

another of the accused. Mr Molloy was convicted of manslaughter, sentenced to 12 years and died aged 53. Three



Carl Bridgewater

35, and James Robinson, 63 served 18 years for the murder at Yew Tree Farm, near Stour-

bridge, West Midlands. The three, free on bail, listened as Mr Mansfield outlined "serious flaws" in the case against Mr Molloy which hinged on his confession at Wombourne Police Station on December 10, 1978. The confession, Mr Mansfield said, was achieved by a combination of two forces - oppression and a carefully contrived strategy of deception". It could be laid at the door of a particular squad of officers from Regional Crime Squad number 4, based at Bilston.

Detective Inspector Jeffrey Turner headed the interroga-tion, Mr Mansfield said. Detective sergeants John Rob-bins and Dennis Walker, and detective constables Graham Leeke and John Perkins, a team known by colleagues as The Syndicate, were involved. Other Staffordshire officers may have turned a blind eye. Mr Mansfield said. They included Detective Chief Inspec-

tor Weslea Watson. Some of the 20 interviews of Mr Molloy, lasting 31 hours, were conducted in cells. "It was intended to create an atmosphere of isolation and claustrophobia," Mr Mansfield said. Many had not been

quently lost. There is a serious question mark over what was really going on in that contrive and construct a situation where in the end, Mr Molloy did what the officers wanted. The approach of the police was to plainly and bluntly disbelieve the denials and assert from the beginning that he was guilty, although perhaps he did not pull the

impression that he had no option other than confession. Detective Constable Robbins had told Merseyside officers in 1992 that he "would pull the handle on these men, open the trap door and do it with a bacon sandwich in his hand". During interviews, Mr Molloy's pauses were interpreted by police as guilt. They

hinted that Vincent Hickey

had confessed and finally set a

trap. A forged confession by

Mr Molloy was left with the



James Robinson, left, free on bail, is greeted outside court by Gerry Conlon, one of the Guildford Four

Hickey was shown to Mr detectives Perkins, now dead. Molloy. The document later and Leeke. disappeared but scientific tests this year proved its existence when slight imprints from the forgery were found on Mr Molloy's confession. Writing on the forgery matched that of

3.40pm Molloy "dropped his head, sighed and said I was there at the farm': he dictated a confession between 4pm and 4_20pm". Mr Mansfield said it was almost impossible for the 600-word confession to have been recorded in 20 minutes and there were remarkable similarities between the initial verbal confession and that dictated while under caution.

and 23 of 68 clauses. Dr Brian Butterworth, of the University of London, who studies the psychology of language, concluded that the chances of these occurring independently were less than one in a million. The appeal continues



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NEWS IN BRIEF **Kwik Save** blackmailer is jailed

A blackmailer who threatened to contamintate goods from Kwik Save with razor blades, needles, mercury and rat's blood has been jailed for six years. Gerard Farrell, 40, from Liverpool, pleaded guilty to his part in a £500.000 ransom plot with threats of arson attacks if the demands were not acknowledged on the National Lottery show, Preston Crown Court was told. Farrell's demand note read: "Mystic Meg must say, 'I see a windfall for Scorpio'."

'Joyride' victims

Five teenagers killed in a stolen car that crashed at Crumpsall, Manchester, were identified as Sean Cosgrove, 16, Jonathan Openshaw. Peter Warburton and Sean O'Neill, ali 17, and Jamie Irving, 18.

Not guilty plea

Tracey Andrews, 27, accused fiance, Lee Harvey, in December, appeared at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday formally to enter a not guilty plea. Bail was renewed.

Circus death

A circus acrobat has died in hospital at Newport, Gwent, a week after breaking his neck in a back somersault from the shoulders of a colleague. Aziz Elmeslahy, 23. was touring with Gerry Cottle's circus.

Shelling out

Linda Southern, 45, from Manchester, has spent £80 having identity microchips inserted under the skin of her tortoises, "At this time of year they'll dash off and try to mate with anything," she said.

Protection force officer held over wife's death

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By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A ROYAL protection officer was arrested yesterday by detectives investigating the murder of his wife.

PC Michael Coulton, 52, who patrolled Buckingham Palace as part of his duties with Scotland Yard's SOl4 division, was taken from his home in Woking, Surrey, to Bracknell police station, where he was interviewed throughout the day.

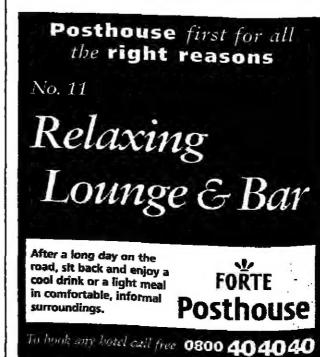
His wife, Patricia, 52, was stabbed to death on January 10 in her car in the grounds of Lynwood Nursing Home in Sunningdale, Berkshire, where she had worked as a care assistant for eight years. Her body was found lying across the driver's seat of her white Renault 19 with her legs

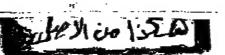
Coulton attended his wife's funeral last Thursday. Detectives hunting the killer have recently been to America to question witnesses and take

A spokesman for Thame Valley Police said a 52-year-old man had been arrested in connection with the Patricia Coulton murder. He was being interviewed by officers from the force.

The couple, who have two adult children, were first married in 1968. They divorced 15 years later, only to be reunited in 1986 and remarried two years ago. As well as his duties at Buckingham Palace, PC Coulton was one of the team responsible for security at the Duke of York's house, Sunninghill Park, about two miles from the murder scene. He reported his wife missing after she failed to return from







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'I had an MP in the back of my cab...'

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Edmonds breaks Labour code of silence



Edmonds: critical of

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JOHN EDMONDS became the first union leader to break ranks with the Labour Party yesterday, telling the Scottish TUC conference that he had been urged not to

"You may have noticed some of us have not been doing too much public speaking in the last few weeks," the leader of the General Municipal and Boilermakers' Union said. "It was suggested to me that I might plead some other engagement, rather than come to Glasgow. But I have already washed my hair once this week.

He went on to attack Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor,

saying Labour's commitment to stick to Conservative spending plans for two years would not meet the wishes of the British public. Looking forward to "that day when the new government breaks free from the Tory shackles". Mr Ed-monds said it could not come too early for him.

Until he spoke, the Labour leadership had been privately congratulat-ing itself for managing successfully to dampen down potentially damaging moves by the STUC, especially over a national minimum wage. Broadcasters covering the conference said that Labour media managers had pressed them to downplay reports from the STUC in their news bulletins.

had been brought to bear on them. The Labour leadership did enjoy one victory, however, when a resolu-

or anyone else not to attend the

STUC. Rodney Bickerstaffe and Bill Morris, general secretaries of the

TGWU transport workers' unions

respectively, said that no pressure

public employees and

Labour leadership that had pressed was unexpectedly withdrawn by the him not to attend, Mr Edmonds declined to elborate. But sources Labour loyalist shopworkers' union, Usdaw. Mr Bickerstaffe had wantclose to Mr Edmonds, whose relaed to urge unions to submit to Labour's planned Low Pay Comtions with Tony Blair are poor, agree that only the most senior mission a formula for the wage to be Labour figures would have tried to set at half male median earnings. prevent him going to the STUC.
Other union leaders attending the which would translate to an hourly rate of £4.42. Labour is insistent it conference said that they had rewill not set a rate ahead of the ceived no approaches from Labour

The Labour leadership avoided a damaging revolt when union leaders failed to back a demand for the railways to be renationalised within the first term of a Labour government. But delegates endorsed a resolution backed by Aslef calling on a Labour government to honour its former commitment to a publicly owned and accountable system and

to establish "a clear timetable for the return of railway companies to public ownership". Labour dropped this commitment in its manifesto, which instead backed greater regulation for the railways. Lew Adams, leader of the train

drivers' union Aslef, told the conference that Labour should stick to its policy on rail privatistion agreed at last year's party conference. Clearly responding to perceived shifts on privatisation by Mr Blair, Mr Adams said he "expected" conference policy on the issue to be implemented by a Labour government.

"That is the policy that is acceptable to the party leadership, we were told. That is the policy we will expect to be implemented. This is Aslef's bottom line. We are hones people who expect promises will be kept. We are democrats. We don't subscribe to mindless militancy, nor do we want favours. We want fairness." He added: "We have every right to expect that a party campaigning on the slogan 'Britain deserves better' and the next Prime Minister who pledges 'trust me' will deliver on their promises."

Earlier, a resolution calling for a repeal of anti-trade union laws and for unions to defy these laws was massively defeated, with no union battalions supporting it. Delegates voted instead for a legal right to recognition where there was "clear support" for this from the workforce, which is now Labour

Prescott gives meaningless an entirely new meaning



John Prescott sees good omens everywhere. He could speak like other politicians if he felt like it. The punchline is that he doesn't need to, says Ben Macintyre

AFTER 33 days in orbit through 59 constituencies. John Prescott finally lost his remaining grip on conventional grammar yesterday, to the undisguised admiration of the voters of Notting Hill.

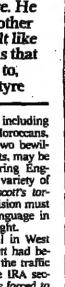
In a feat of political oratory unequalled during this election, Labour's Deputy Leader delivered a high-speed tenminute speech in the middle of Portobello Road market that was seamless, themeless and unfettered by syntax or, it seemed, the need to breathe.

Mr Prescott's address began with what appeared to be various augurs of Labour victory as witnessed during his marathon slog around the country: "In Swindon we had the RAF flypast they clearly know what's what in Grimsby we saw that comet Hale-Bopp or whatever when I came along Hyde Park I got the 21gun salute must be someone's else's birthday come May the first I'm going to be dancing round that maypole with Tony Blair..."

Mr Prescott has said so many things in so many places that he now says one enormous thing in a single fantastic sentence. His multilingual listeners, including West Indians, Moroccans, Bangladeshis and two bewildered French tourists, may be accustomed to hearing English rendered in a variety of ways, but Mr Prescott's torrent of campaign elision must have placed the language in an altogether new light.

Before his arrival in West London, Mr Prescott had become embroiled in the traffic jams caused by the IRA sec-urity alerts and was forced to scrap his first two engagements of the day, no doubt causing a critical build-up of rhetoric which, when it was eventually uncorked, exploded magnificently.
That John Major he said

Flecks of spittle had begun to appear at the sides of Mr Prescott's mouth and a lesser



John Prescott's only a barsteward isn't that terrible shows that the contempt that Mr Major has for ordinary people doing an ordinary jobs he even had a got at me syntax that's 'cos I sailed failed the IIplus system they want to bring back there's the difference it's the education of for the many not the few..."

man would have collapsed



long before from oxygen deprivation, but Labour's Deputy Leader was just getting into his three-legged stride.

"Is that the bear you know we met the headless chicken in Basildon Basildon remember that horrible night in Basildon Doctor Mawhinney he's the only doctor make you sick just lookin' at 'im Doctor Mawhinney I got a message from you for you there aren't

the wise excel." She might

have been less certain about

Emma's political credo: "I

don't want to be a cutie. I want

to be a hot sexy bitch."

Baroness Thatcher's proces-

sions these days are more

any safe seats Tory seats that chicken's ten points ahead of Major there's already two parties two manifestos he had his birthday last week you know where he went the Happy Eater it's the only place that'll take his orders . .

Any politician who has been on the stump this long is likely to sound repetitive, but it is the singular virtue of Mr Prescorr's unique approach to the

royal than political, except

that you can get closer to

royalty. We were left to glean

what she thought of marble

top working surfaces. "We are

going home," she said. "We

want a new kitchen." Spin-

English language that he appears to be delivering every speech as if the words had only just occurred to him, or were being simultaneously translated from Chinese, perhaps through a tiny micro-phone implanted in his sideburns. His very lack of polish lends earnest be-

I suspect that this effect, in which overlapping waves of

doctors were called on to

On to Safeway, where a

middle-aged lady, seeing the police arrive, said: They must

police arrive, said: "I ney must be having trouble with shop-lifters." Caught by a roving microphone, the Baroness did deliver herself of one political

comment. "I am here to sup-port Michael Forsyth, and to

support the Conservatives."

she said. "We have done very

interpret this, but even they

confessed

stumped.

speech gradually drown out any specific meaning, is entirely intentional. Mr Prescott could probably sound as clinical as Jeremy Paxman if he wanted to, but from the plethora of disjointed phrases and slogans emerges a generalised sense of energy and outrage, from which the audience then picks what it wants, or can

"I hope he can win, man,"

said Bernard Niles, a West Indian who came to Notting Hill in the 1950s. "We had too much of that Tory man, man."

Mr Prescott swerved over the finishing line with a last flourish: "On May first let's have you out we want some decency in politics."

Before going on a walk-about the West Indian sit-com actor Ram John "Pork Pie" Holder, he set to work on the

highly-polished oil drums of the Ebony Steel Trust, the steel band that had heralded his arrival with a rendition of When the Saints go Marching in. The eerily discordant plinking produced by Labour's Deputy Leader emed wholly appropriate. Mr Prescott insisted he was playing a tune. "This is modern jazz, so you won't under-

Irn Bru Lady drinks in admiration of Scottish voters

ONCE she called him her "Young Lochinvar", Sir Walter Scott's mythical knight, who carried the broadsword of Thatcherism from Downing Street to Scotland. Now she was back to help him to save his seat.

Baroness Thatcher came to Stirling yesterday to throw her weight behind Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, who is battling to save a fragile majority of 236 (boundary changes make this a notional figure). There was a time not so long ago when Tories in Scotland would have s begged Central Office to keep her south of the border lest she cost them any more votes. Now she is a secret weapon. But, like all secret weapons, the effect was unpredictable.

What the voters of Stirling into singing."
She would certainly have or those who were close enough - witnessed yesterday, was as bizarre a public

this election. To see a posse of political reporters straining to detect what the former Prime Minister had to say about kitchen surfaces, whether she approved of the Spice Girls, or understood the significance of Irn Bru, is to see politics reduced to surrealism.

Let it be revealed that she appeared to endorse the Spice Girls as enthusiastically as they supported her. On being asked by a group of media students to sign the front cover of the Spice Girls' new book, Girl Power, she did so with a flourish. Asked what her reaction was to being called the first Spice Girl, she said: "I rather agree." Pressed on the subject, she said: came up with rather a good line: "Michael and I put as much spice into politics as the Spice Girls put

approved of Mel B's comment: The strong will survive and

Once reviled over the border for the poll tax,

Baroness Thatcher enjoyed a warm

welcome as she campaigned in Stirling

yesterday, Magnus Linklater reports

begins with sea...

years, and it didn't just happen. We made it happen." Mr Forsyth beamed. Then it was down to some

serious shopping. She collect-ed carrots, top side of beef, half a leg of lamb and a pound of Scottish butter. She looked blankly, however, at the bottles of Irn Bru, Scotland's national drink. This she had plainly never heard of, and though this lapse alone might

well for the whole of the

United Kingdom in the last 18

Forsyth his majority, no one seemed to mind. The woman who was once labelled public enemy No 1 in Scotland for introducing the poll tax, is now accorded something close to respect, if not admiration. It's amazing what the absence of power will do.

in earlier days have lost Mr

She's here in the heart of Braveheart country," said Charles Archibald, 60, from Cumbernauld. "And you have to respect her. She comes over

Finally, the bill, and this time she was not going to be caught out by the lack of a cheque guarantee card. To the

as quite an attractive

admiration of reporters, she produced Scottish banknotes, fumbling only when she appeared to have some difficulty deciphering which was which. A £10 note and a fiver is not enough these days to meet bill for £17.50. That's Thatcherism for you.

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Labour cabbie talking his way to the Commons

Damian Whitworth hails a driving force but just can't make him stop

IT appeared that The Times had a scoop: a London cab driver who didn't like talking. Clive Efford. 38, is a cabble and Labour candidate for Eltham, the 24th seat on Labour's hit list. Yet his staff

replied to interview requests by insisting that he did not wish to share his opinions with readers of national newspapers. An investigation was

A team was despatched yesterday to the party offices in Eltham, southeast London. Officials stopped short of denying all knowledge of their candidate, but said that he was out and they didn't know where he was. Given that the day was sunny and the general election was but ten days away, it seemed a safe bet that he was out canvassing.

Out in the the suburban sprawl, a red rosette was spotted and followed. It led to tower block from which, blinking into the sunlight. came a bearded fellow in a shiny suit and comfortable shoes: Mr Efford. The Times

introduced itself and he looked uncertain. He glanced at his canvassing team, he shifted from foot to foot, finally he shook hands. Tentatively, he opened his mouth and talked.

And talked. And talked. Rumours of the dumb cabbie had been exaggerated. Clive Efford could talk for Britain. A south London boy who grew up on the Old Kent Road, he became a cabbie about ten years ago after the family jewellery shop in Westminster closed — "victims of the first Tory recession". He also won a seat on Greenwich council. He could talk about the

NHS and youth unemployment until even fellow politicians flee, and come May 2 he will probably be paid to do so. Mr Efford trimmed the Tory majority to 1,666 in 1992. The man who won, Peter Bottomley, has now decamped to the safe seat of West

Worthing. Somebody, possibly the man who slammed the Labour office door hard in the face of The Times, has clearly told Mr Efford to play down the cabbie side of things and play the serious politician. This is a shame, for conversational skills developed on the highways should carry him into Westminster, where it is believed he will be the first ex-

cabbie on the green benches.

His canvassing team tease him that once on a doorstep, they cannot get him away. And it is true. He tarried sometimes for 20 minutes, on one occasion with a woman who doesn't have a vote in the constituency but wanted to expound about the decline of the industrial infrastructure. "I always spend a lot of time talking to people. I can't help it. There are times when I've been left on the doorstep with people who have no intention

of voting for me and probably take delight in taking up my time. But people don't want just a quick handshake and see you in five years' time." Face to face, one to one, he is impressive. Unusually, he listens patiently to potential vot-

ers before hitting them with

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woman who said she can't be bothered to vote was given a gentle ticking off. "Don't let them off the hook," he scolded and won her over. "Cab drivers come from all

walks of life. You are always going to have a variety of opinions coming at you. Some of them I would violently disagree with," he explained.
"I very rarely preach at people in the back of the taxi.

But before the last election, I used to delight in picking up the odd Tory MP and berating them. I claim credit for getting an MP to vote against the poll tax. That was a long journey. If he wins, his cab will probably be sold to his sister, one of the first women cab

"When I am in the House of Commons, there will be plenty of people I will know who won't know me, because I was sitting in the front of the taxi, he said mischievously. "I'll ask them what they were doing when I picked them up that

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"I spend a lot of time talking to people. I can't help it." Clive Efford meets Damian Whitworth, left

Paddy loses the hunk vote but passes ferret test

By POLLY NEWTON, POLITICAL REPORTER

PADDY ASHDOWN, fresh from his weekend glimpse of his newborn grandson in France, was treated yesterday to a disconcerting view of politics from the next genera-

tion of voters.

During a visit to a primary school in west Cornwall, the Liberal Democrat leader was invited to look at a display put together by seven and eightvear-olds entitled "Government - what we think.

First to catch his eye was a contribution from Lucy Mc-Mahon, aged eight. Only rich or hunky men should vote." she had written at the school in the village of Stithians. "I would only vote for rich or hunky men." Mr Ashdown delivered a

gentle rebuke to the Class 3 pupil. "What would you think if I said that only pretty girls could vote? You'd think it was rather rude, wouldn't you?" Lucy was unabashed. Out of earshot of Mr Ashdown, she giggled wildly when a reporter asked if she thought the Liberal Democrat leader was rich and hunky. Pressed to reveal who did meet those criteria, she delivered the final, crushing blow: "Seb

Coe. Mr Coe is defending the seat of Falmouth and Camborne, which includes Stithians, for the Conservatives. He has a house in the village, which may go some

way towards explaining Lucy's admiration. Also in the display was a joint resolution from Class 3: We think there should be

more people like Rolf Har-Class 3 was vague about the appeal of the Australian cartoonist, singer and presenter of the television programme Animal Hospital. "Because he's nice" and "Because he's funny" was the limit of their analysis. Perhaps the spindoctors should give Rolf a

ring.
Outside the school, Mr Ashdown - possibly with Mr Harris's animal antics in mind - made the most of an unexpected photo-opportunity with a ferret. The creature, called Beavis, was being walked by its owner, 12-yearold Penny George, and ap-peared on a wall behind Mr Ashdown's left shoulder as be was being interviewed by television reporters about Europe.

ignoring a plea by one of his aides not to pick the ferret up. Mr Ashdown scooped it from the wall. "You're a lovely little beast, aren't you?" he said. "I don't think I've ever seen such a patient and docile

Mr Ashdown may have to rethink his claim, made on Sunday, that the Tory leadership contenders were fighting like ferrets in a sack.





Ashdown found himself outstripped by the Tories'

Tories' share of vote hovers on 32%, say polls

THE Tories' "core" vote looks to be about 32 per cent despite being sorely tested at present. All 28 national polls since the election was called have put the Conservative share at 31 per cent. plus or minus three percentage points. The party has held at this level despite splits over Europe, an unpopular Prime Minister, awkward and misguided advertising and campaigning, low support for their positions on key issues and manoeu-

over from John Major even before polling day.

Since the election was called, the Tories average share has moved up from 29 to 32 per cent, not much in itself, but enough to reduce Labour's projected overall majority by more than 100 seats. That will not affect who goes to Downing Street, but is vital to the survival of 50 Tory candidates.

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The "core" vote for Labour is 28 per cent, tested nearly to destruction in the 1983 election when the party was led by Michael Foot, the most unpopular leader since the war, and fought the worst organised campaign of any party in memory. By contrast. Labour's low point in this campaign has been 45 per cent. The total "core" vote for all

other British parties, including the Liberal Democrats, is about 22 per cent. This has varied in recent elections from 22 per cent in 1992 to the 28 per cent achieved in 1983. Others, including Liberal Democrats. are averaging 19 per cent so far in this campaign.
This leaves one voter in six

as being the maximum level of undecideds in this, and most, elections. It is these voters, especially those living in marginal seats, that the campaign s apout. It is to the Tories' advantage

to claim that "a third of the public have yet to make up

Bob Worcester says voters will be misled if they concentrate on Labour's lead in the polls

their minds", but they are kidding the public, and maybe themselves. At least half these "floating" voters will not turn out, as more than eight in ten people give pollsters their voting intention, though under two-thirds of the public (64 per cent) say they are certain to vote, the best indicator of turnout on May 1. At the same stage of the 1992

election, about 72 per cent said they were certain to vote and final turnout was 78 per cent. On those figures, we can expect a turnout of 69 or 70 per cent on polling day. The lowest recent turnout was in 1983 was when Margaret Thatcher had her biggest victory, a landslide of the scale suggested for Labour by recent polls.

The media mislead themselves and the public by focusing on the Labour poll lead over the Tories instead of highlighting the figure that really counts, the Tory share uf the vote. In 1992, the Conservatives won with a 43 per cent share. If they do not reach this level now, they lose; indeed, if they do not win as much as 39 per cent, Labour wins an overall majority.

The Liberal Democrats stand to get more seats than is implied by a statistical projection on a uniform national swing since they have become a regional party. Their "core" vote is in southern England. where 90 per cent of voters live in Conservative / Lib Dem marginals.

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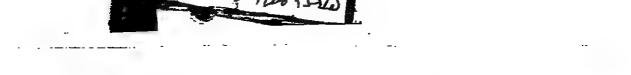
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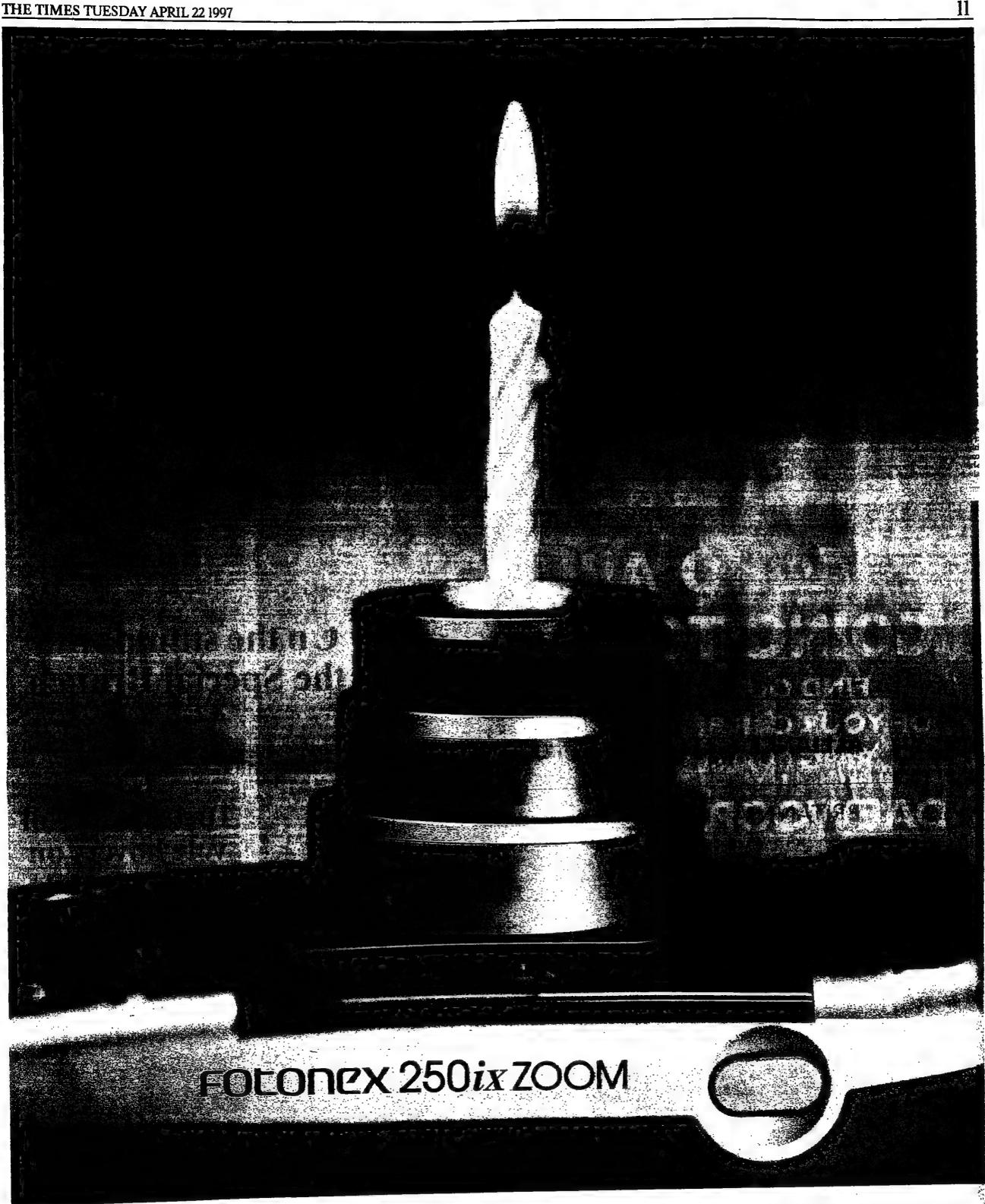
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Ministers turn tail in the lions' den

MICHAEL FORSYTH ex-changed the electoral lions' den for a real one yesterday and was left wishing he was back in the political arena. The Scottish Secretary's attempts to portray himself as a Braveheart faltered when he was faced by a pack of cubs.

The seven-month-old ani-

mals, enlisted to pose for photographers with Mr Forsyth and William Hague, the Welsh Secretary, at Blairdrummond Safari Park, were supposed to reinforce the Scottish Conservatives' emblem of a lion rampant. But instead of sitting quietly, the cubs, described by safari workers as normally sedate. showed their claws and snarled and snapped at the nervous-looking candidates.

Mr Forsyth and Mr Hague entered the lion's enclosure in front of a pack of photographers for a morning photo session to begin a day of campaigning in the Scottish Secretary's home constituency. The cubs were brought out to pose with the two men. but as if on cue they struggled and fought with their keepers as soon as they set eyes on their new cellmates.

As Mr Forsyth and Mr Hague backed away, the cubs bared their teeth and growled. Any attempt by the men to come close was warned off with a swipe of a paw. Eventually the two men posed nervously a safe distance from the cubs, who were placated with chunks of raw



Michael Forsyth and William Hague with the uncooperative lions yesterday

IRA tactics look like vote-loser in marginal

quietly turning against Sinn Fein in Mid-Ulster after the IRA's campaign of disruption in Britain. Nationalists in the marginal constituency who might have voted Sinn Feir said yesterday they would now support the SDLP's Denis Haughey, a vehement critic of the IRA.

Two pensioners chatting outside the Convent of Mercy in Cookstown. Co Tyrone, a mixed town in the heart of Mid-Ulster, said that peace was the major issue in the election. One elderly woman, who asked not to be named, said: "I will be voting for Denis because he is the serious neace candidate.'

Her sentiments will irritate Martin McGuinness, the Sinn Fein candidate, who must convince nationalists that he offers the best chance of un-seating the Rev William McCrea of the Democratic Unionists. Mr McGuinness aims to woo SDLP voters who who were outraged when Mr McCrea shared a platform last September with Billy Wright, the hardline koyalist.

Sinn Fein faces a tough fight because a split nationalist vote has handed Mid-Ulster to Unionists at every election since 1974 even though the electorate is 60 per cent Catholic. But yesterday's IRA disruption may not cost Mr McGuinness votes - nationalists' distaste at it may have laded by polling day.

A mother who was picking up her children from the Holy Trinity Primary School in renewed terrorism splits the vote between SDLP and Sinn Fein in Mid-Ulster. This can only benefit the DUP, writes Nicholas Watt

Cookstown said that she was upset for commuters in England, but she felt that John Major could have avoided the trouble. She said: "John Major has a lot to answer for because he should have grasped the opportunity for peace. There also does seem to be a lot of fuss in London when we suffered much more serious violence in Northern Ireland."

Mr McGuinness, hopes to attract such voters by a charm offensive on the doorsteps of Mid-Ulster. The selfproclaimed former IRA man has shed his stony demeanour and is grinning his way round the constituency, casting himself in the unlikely role of a peace campaigner. Speaking at Sinn Fein's weekly election campaign press conference yesterday. Mr McGuinness said: "The people of Mid-Ulster have been quite impressed by the contribution of people like myself have made in trying to bring about a peace settlement in our

country. housing estates of Coalisland, Co Tyrone, where Irish tricolours hang from most lamposts, next to freshly nainted IRA murals, Mr McGuinness had a serious message for the voters. This is a very important election," he said "We see it as a new opportunity to rebuild the peace process with a new British government it also gives us an opportunity to remove Mr McCrea.

Mr McGuinness's performance on the doorsteps cuts no ice with his two main opponents, who believe that the electorate will not be fooled. The SDLP's Denis Haughey, 52, who first contested Mid-Ulster in 1983 and who has been one of the party's main strategists in its 27-year history, is confident that he will be seen as the only nationalist capable of beating Mr McCrea.

As he canvassed on the outskirts of Coalisland, Mr Haughey said: "Anyone who votes for Martin McGuinness will be in no doubt about what they are voting for." Mr Haughey, a former teacher who is married with three children, added that thousands of SDLP supporters. who "lent" their votes to Sinn Fein in the election to the Northern Ireland Forum last May to protest against the

peat their mistake.

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He said: Those people feel betrayed and they feel conned because of the resumption of the IRA campaign in Northern Ireland. They will not fall for Sinn Fein again. On the other side of Mid-

Ulster in his home town of Magherafelt, Mr McCrea insisted that he was quietly confident that he would retain his seat. "Many people believe that Martin McGuinness is a step too far and Sinn Fein have no policies to offer other than a hate McCrea' campaign," he said.

However, Mr McCrea has quietly recognised that he is facing the most serious challenge in his 14 years as an MP and has trimmed his sails accordingly. His firebrand speeches, in which he used to give apocalyptic warnings of the threat to Northern Ireland from Dublin, have been replaced by measured tones as he argues that the election will be about "bread and butter issues" such as health and education.

Mr McCrea, who lives in a heavily-fortified house with video cameras and a police guard, dismisses the row about his support for Billy Wright as a side-show which is of no interest to the electorate. "Have you been brainwashed or are you just plugged into nationalist propaganda?" Mr McCrea replied to a question about Mr

On the stump with the Special Branch

backbench Northern Ireland Committee in the last Parliament, is followed everywhere by Special Branch officers: testament to the security threat he faces while canvassing in his Basing-

He has to live every day with the consequences of his interest in Ulster politics. An IRA hitman is serving 24 years for trying to kill him three years ago.

During Mr Hunter's visit to a bungalow estate on the west side of Basingstoke. where most residents are elderly, he was followed by armed Special Branch officers, one wearing the traditional trenchcoat, and slowly moving armour-plated sa-

loon cars. Travelling with him in the back of his car on the way to the estate, you become aware of certain security precautions. Every Tory canvasser on this visit yesterday morning was conscious that it is the routines that can be so

dangerous. Andrew Hunter, 54, Conservative MP for Basingstoke since 1983 and now standing as Conservative candidate in a redrawn constituency, knows there is a real IRA threat to him because he has been one of the most outspoken voices on Northern Ireland affairs for many years. On the day of yet more IRA disruption, Mr Hunter did not hesitate to launch forth on his favourite political subject. "When the IRA ceasefire ended, that showed them in their true colours. I am not going to be taken for a ride ever again,"

he said. His name was on a list found in December of people targeted for assassination. Three years ago, the IRA gunman was caught "as he was on his way to eliminate me", he said.

The IRA first took an interest in Mr Hunter in 1988 when he called for the return of capital punishment for terrorists convicted of murder. "The latest intelligence," he said. "is that I am still being targeted. But that

Michael Evans reports on the perils of going canvassing with a Conservative candidate whose outspoken views have put him on an IRA hitlist

will not stop me from talking about Northern Ireland. It is the subject I specialise in and my supporters here in Basingstoke understand that, although they are a little bewildered."

As we drew into the bungalow estate, Mr Hunter said quietly: "Wait a moment." Then as the Special Branch officers positioned themselves, we climbed out of the car, the heavily reinforced doors requiring a considerable push.

Mr Hunter did not mention Northern Ireland as he



Hunter: man in jail for trying to kill him

spoke to residents at their front doors. But one elderly woman made a remark that brought a smile to his face. as the police officer in the trenchcoat watched from the end of the path. She said: "I want a United Kingdom, but not the IRA."

None of the residents seemed aware that the cluster of suited men accompanying Mr Hunter were police officers rather than fellow canvassers. Their protection was embracing but not intrusive to those who opened their doors. Mr Hunter, whose majority at the 1992 election was more than 21,200, was a friend of Sir

lan Gow, the Tory MP who was murdered by the IRA in

July 1990. When Mr Hunter called for the death penalty for terrorists in an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill, his life was threatened. Armed protection was provided for several months and then removed after MI5 decided that the threat had

He expects that the present 24-hour protection will have to continue for the foreseeable future. He said he had no intention of giving up his strong public stance on the IRA, whether or not the Government was returned to power on May 2.

He added: "I did not know what I was letting myself in for. I did not realise the protection would have to be so prolonged."

His belief is that the IRA is planning to cause maximum disruption on polling day. That is what I would do, if I was the IRA, so I am sure that is what they are working towards," he said.

After a morning of knocking on doors in the company of his armed protectors, Mr Hunter returned to the Conservative club campaign headquarters and expressed his alarm at the prospect of a Labour government making

Northern Ireland policy. He said: "The IRA believes that British governments will give concessions to violence. When I met Sinn Fein during the ceasefire, they made it clear they thought violence worked.

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He added: "I do not think Sinn Fein should ever be allowed to join the peace talks because they will never be committed to ending violence. What I am afraid of is that a Labour government will allow Sinn Fein into the talks, which will give them credibility. They do not deserve to be given any

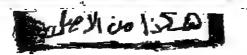
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Study casts doubt on advantages of grammar schools

By John O'Leary and Jill Sherman

Conservative claims yesterday that John Major's plans for a grammar school in every town would improve standards in comprehensive schools.

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Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Sec-retary, quoted a study showing the benefits for children in neighbouring comprehensives. But critics argued that the study of schools in south Birmingham and Salisbury was too small to be conclusive, while wider research by The Times suggested that the impact of selection was uneven.

The Department for Education and Employment's survey of 20 schools' results showed that the proportion of 16-yearolds gaining five or more higher-grade GCSEs rose by more than twice the national average. But a comparison of results in five selective authorities showed that comprehensive schools' pass rates had fallen in two of the boroughs in the year that the survey was conducted.

In Kent and Lincolnshire, two of the counties with the largest number of grammar schools, the improvement in pass rates in non-selective schools was comparable with the department's figures, as it was in the London borough of Kingston. But in Trafford, Greater Manchester, and Redbridge, northeast London, the proportion of pupils with five higher-grade GCSEs fell in 1995. Both boroughs improved

NEW research cast doubt on clearing the way for petitions to trigger a move to selection. Although all state schools would receive an extra £300 per pupil as they gained full control of their budgets, there would be no extra incentives to

become a grammar school. Mr Major vowed that wherever parents wanted grammar schools, "doctrinaire Labour councils won't be able to stand in the way". Formal ballots would not be needed, although the school governors would have to show the Education Secretary that there was a broad consensus in favour of

grammar school expansion

panders to the self-interest of

the minority at the expense of

the real needs of the majority."

chairs the National Grammar

Schools' Association, wel-

comed the move, arguing that

there was a real demand for

more grammar school places.

But she expressed disappoint-

ment that there would be no

extra funding for schools that

converted to grammar schools

in the way that money was made available to specialist

technology and modern lan-

guage schools.

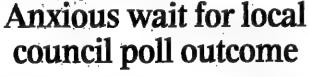
Margaret Dewar, who

Mrs Shephard said a recent opinion poll showed that four out of five parents favoured selection, as she announced plans to establish a Grammar Schools Trust to help schools convert to grammar status.

But Labour claimed that in comparable areas, comprehensive systems were performing at least as well as those with grammar schools. The party quoted Hamp-shire's lead over selective Kent and Essex as an example.

David Blunkett, the Shadow **Education and Employment** Secretary, said Conservative plans would lead to secondary modern schools for between 80 and 90 per cent of children. "The vast majority of children will be left with a second-class education."

Peter Miller, president of the Secondary Heads Association, said the scheme would not address the main failing of British education, which in-Mr Major will rely on volved those at the bottom of parent power to fulfil his the ability range. "How would grammar school ambitions, selection for the top 20 per cent



BY DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

are awaiting the result of local elections on May I with as much trepidation as the nat-

Kent retains 40 gramma schools, the highest number of any local authority, and claims to be running the fairest selective system. The large number of grammars means they take the top 25 per cent of children, compared to the more elitist 10 or 5 per cent in areas with only a handful

of selective schools. Grammar head teachers in Kent believe that a strong Labour or Liberal Democrat performance in the 99-seat county council election will put the current system at risk. The two parties gained control in 1989 as a joint adminis-

GRAMMAR schools in Kent tration but the Conservatives still hold 41 seats. The authority still runs the

Il-plus tests in English and mathematics which are used to select children eve ary. The Kent test is "opt in and half of its il-year-olds take it. The council also meets the cost of sending children on buses to distant grammar schools, unlike Essex County Council, which scrapped transport grants when the

Conservatives lost control. Kent's secondary moderns prefer to be known as wideability schools. A number have opted out and re-styled themselves as comprehensives which specialise in arts, sports or music, selecting 10 per cent of children for their aptitude in these areas.

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Gillian Shephard, third from left, talking to A-level pupils in Darlington yesterday

Model of peaceful co-existence that delivers results

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

REDBRIDGE, in northeast London, could be the model for a future Conservative school system. Its two tabletopping grammar schools coexist with successful comprehensives and specialist

technology colleges. The borough, which covers large council estates as well as middle-class suburbs, was eighth in last year's local authority rankings for sec-

ondary schools. Labour has been in control for more than a year, but there has been no attempt to abolish the 11-plus, which has survived from pre-comprehensive days. Two thirds of children in the borough take the examination, but fewer than one in ten win a place at Woodford County High School for Girls or Ilford County High School for Boys. With children from neighbouring authorities also eligible for grammar school places, more than 2,000 tenyear-olds compete for places at the two schools each Octo-

ber. Children have to show

signed photographs as proof

of identity when they sit the examination. The process keeps a thriving network of private tutors in business and also swells the numbers in local preparatory schools. Redbridge's own primary schools are forbidden to coach candidates for the 11-plus.

The local authority has always insisted that its remaining secondary schools are comprehensives, not secondary moderns. Most boasted GCSE results better than the national average last year, although head teachers say they would have done better. still with the full ability range. Their schools are "creamed" by three successful independent schools as well as the grammar schools.

When, in the early 1980s, Redbridge parents were consulted on a proposal to double schools they rejected the scheme decisively, opting instead for a fully comprehensive system. The existing grammar schools survived. owever, and enjoy considerable local support.

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pendent Television Commission, has ruled that Channel 4

and Channel 5 must transmit

two SNP broadcasts on April

The two channels last week

refused to carry an SNP

broadcast on the ground that

they could not agree to broad-

casts with separate content on

different sides of the border.

The ruling means that viewers

in England. Wales and North-

ern Ireland will see the

broadcast even though they cannot vote for SNP candi-dates. BBC and ITV broadcast

SNP programmes only on BBC Scotland and the ITV

Scottish regional stations. SNP chiefs also demanded

more television coverage of

Today's election

Conservatives: Michael Howard, Roger Freeman in the Midlands; Kenneth Clarke in the South East;

Virginia Bottomiey in Wales; Ian Lang in the North East; Brian Mawhinney in the East; Sir George Young in the South West;

Labour: Tessa Jowell, Glenda

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Blair pledges to stand firm against Euro superstate

By James Landale, political reporter

TONY BLAIR vesterday gave a veiled warning to Britain's continental partners not to expect automatic agreement from a Labour government over further changes to the European Union.

In a strongly Eurosceptic speech to foreign ambassadors in Manchester, the Labour leader declared himself a British patriot and said that he would not hesitate to stop any plans for a European superstate. He cautioned Europe's political elites against forcing change without democratic support.

Mr Blair said that only

Labour could restore Britain's role as a leading nation in the world. He spelt out his party's approach to foreign policy and in particular his plans for negotiations on the future of the European Union in Am-

Unlike the Tories, said Mr Blair. Labour would seek to read in Europe. But there was not a Gadarene rush towards a European superstate. "There is a good deal of unease at the pace and direction of integration in many continental countries, not just Britain." he said. "And if there is a desire for u superstate, we would not hesirate to stop it. We want a Europe where national identities are not submerged and where countries co-operate together, not a giant and unmanageable European superstate run from the centre."

While maintaining his wait and see policy on a European single currency. Mr Blair said that Labour would "have no truck" with a fudged monetary union. He added: "Too often in the past. European elites have forced their people to proceed at a pace they are not comfortable with.

This is not only wrong but it is also counterproductive to our democratic system. Europe can only go forward if it goes at a pace and in the direction that its peoples want. It is far more important that Europe proceed successfully than that it try to rush ahead and fail."

In key passage where he moved away from his pre-pared text, Mr Blair rejected what he called the narrow isolationism of the Tories and said that Labour would restore Britain's confidence as a

nation in the world. "I am a British patriot," he told his audience. "I am proud of being a British patriot. I love my country. I will always put the interests of my country first. But the Britain of my vision is not a Britain turning its back on the world narrow, shy, uncertain. It is a Britain that is confident of its place in the world, sure of its

ability to engage with the world and provide leadership in the world."

It had been Britain's destiny to lead nations in past centu-ries. That should not be a destiny that is part of our past, but part of our future." He added: "Britain can still be a great country. If on May I we are elected for government, we shall show what true British natriotism is about and give Britain a new lease of life

Mr Blair said that Labour would demand immediate action from Britain's European partners on five priorities at Amersterdam in June. The party would demand the completion of the single market by the end of the British EU presidency in June 1998; progress inwards enlargement of the EU to the east; reform of the common agricultural policy: moves to tackle unemployment and to boost flexible labour markets; and greater commitment to loreign olicy cooperation after the failures of European diploma-

cy in the former Yugoslavia. Mr Blair accused John Maior of "brazen effrontery" for claiming that only he could negotiate successfully for Britain's interests. Tory divisions on Europe were "gravely damaging" Britain and the Prime Minister's record was one of



Tony Blair takes the lead in a computer soccer game against an employee of Ocean Graphics yesterday

Clarke backs out of TV interview

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH CLARKE pulled

out of a television interview last night after an argument with the BBC over plans to question him about Europe.

The Chancellor was due to face Jeremy Paxman on Newsnight in a live interview about the economy but cancelled his appearance only four hours before the broadcast. His advisers argued with

BBC executives after claiming that they had changed the focus of the planned interview to Europe. The decision came the day after Mr Clarke clashed with Eurosceptics when he dismissed the "para-noid nonsense" he said they

were voicing.

After several increasingly irate calls between the BBC and senior Tories. Mr Clarke decided against travelling from Nottingham to London

ries accused the BBC of "unacceptable" behaviour in trying to change the terms of the interview, which was arranged in February.

Last night a Tory spokesman said that a series of interviews had been arranged with Cabinet ministers and the subject for discussion was not changed at the last minute in other cases. The BBC changed the terms very late in the day and that is not acceptable. We have agreed subjects for interview with all the main broadcasters several months ago and we expect Europe

Chancellor backing away from debate on Europe. As far as we are concerned, the

them to stick to that. We have already granted Newsnight an interview with Malcolm Rifkind and the issue of was discussed at length.
"There is no question of the

Jackson in the South East: Frank Dubsen. Andrew Smith in the Midlands, Mo Mowlam in Wales; Robin Cook in the North: Harriet Harman in the Midlands. Liberal Democrats: Emma Nicholson, Charles Kennedy in

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Both parties are guilty of blurring the choices for Britain



acques Santer is, of course, right. He did not refer explicitly to Britain in his criticisms of the flaws in the sceptics' case, but he was obviously referring to the distorted election debate over Europe. How-ever, it is not just the Tories' fault. Labour is also guilty of blurring the choices facing Britain.

The debate has been mainly conducted in macho language. John Major claims that only he has the hard-won experience to deal with the wily continentals over their infernal ideas for closer integration. Tony Blair is inexperienced and would be pushed around by the big boys of Europe.

By contrast. Mr Blair argued

yesterday in his big foreign policy speech that the "real issue is one of leadership and clarity". He fairly points to the flasco of Britain's handling of the European ban on beef, though conveniently forgetting that Labour mistakenly supported last May's decision to obstruct European Union business. Given "the fundamental differences in party management, attitude and leaderhip", a new Labour govern-ment could give "Britain the fresh

start it needs in Europe". Of course, Mr Blair initially would have a freer hand to negotiate and he would sound more positive about the EU

issues that a new Prime Minister will have to address. Mr Blair said his first aim was the completion of the single market, but it already is for the Tories. Second, he emphasised the importance of enlargement to the East. Quite right, but that will inescapably involve much larger institutional changes to the EU than he discussed. It is much more than a matter of considering the extension of qualified majority voting to a few areas (such as environmental and regional policy) or re-weighting the

His third priority of reform of the Mr Blair's approach is long on been pursued by every British citizenship. On most of these. Mr rest of the EU.

Government since the mid-1970s with some, rather limited, success. His fourth aim, of tackling unemployment and promoting flexibile labour markets, is, in part, an act of faith on a change of attitudes in Europe. His fifth goal of making foreign policy co-operation real is an existing British commitment.

But much trickier issues will have to be faced in Amsterdam as set out the Dutch presidency paper. whether to make defence an EU responsibility; expanding the role of the EU into asylum and immigration policy and within the remit of the European Court of Justice: and Blair was silent yesterday. In the past, Labour has opposed most such proposals, risking disagreement rather than a "fresh start" in Amsterdam. That is leaving aside a single currency where Mr Blair has virtually ruled out British participation in any first wave.

Far from putting "his foot on the accelerator to a federal Europe", as Mr Major daimed last night, Mr Blair would not put Britain in the inner core of closer integration, or at "the heart of Europe". The difference between the parties might be more of tone and tactics than of strategy, though that in itself would

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Matthew Parris trails Ian Lang into a watercolour wilderness of mountain and forest

Out of reach in a pastel world of his own

AS LARGE areas of London were paralysed yesterday, a man counted among John Major's most senior Cabinet ministers and closest allies was 400 miles from the capital. Alone at the wheel of a Ford Mondeo, his mobile phone out of range, his pager not responding and driving at whim among the hills and lochs of Scotland, with the rain gently falling, this was a man whom nobody - not the Prime Minister, not even his agent - could have contacted.

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Had it been necessary to assemble the Cabinet, its meeting would have begun without the Rt Hon Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade but, far more importantly, Conservative parliamentary candidate for Galloway and Upper Nithsdale.

This is a largely undiscovered region. Tucked away at the bottom left-hand corner of Scotland, Galloway is watercolour country: a land of wide skies, open waters, pastel colours and low, gentle mountains. Long after the election clamour has died away, I shall remember the dark green streaks of Scots pine among the yellow-lime of larchwood coming into leaf. It could be Mr Lang's

Salmond, the leader of the Scottish National Party, said to me, "but he snuck away." The minister's majority over the SNP stands at a little over

departing memory, too. "We

nearly got him last time," Alex

Lang is more hopeful than his rival, though one suspects

he simply does not know whether he can make it. I found him in the pretty village of New Abbey, in whose Sweetheart Abbey's ruins the heart of Robert the Bruce is buried. The SNP has learnt from Robert the Bruce what Robert learnt from the spider: try, try and try again.
I followed Mr Lang and his

Barbour jacket into the Criffel Inn. Lang introduced himself to a solitary couple. A thoughtful, decent and suavely Macmillanite man, Lang is no glad-hander, but he popped dutifully into the subpost office to be grumbled at by the proprietor. The man in charge of British industry listened, rapt, to the details of this tiny shop's income and expenditure. He had cancelled an interview with The World at One to keep up with his village canvass.

He plans next to press on, unaccompanied, to his threeroom constituency office in Castle Douglas, where his pleasant, elderly agent, Ian Mackie (who tends to leave his mobile phone off, seared by the experienced of its once ringing while he was carrying a coffin at a funeral), runs the

This is a long way from Millbank Tower. I report it not to mock, but to marvel at the way in which — like death
— a small majority and an
impending general election humble the mighty. All the trappings of Mr Lang's great office avail him nothing now. Casting them aside, he must drive through the rain alone,



Ian Lang takes a quick breather in the Criffel Inn yesterday during a tour of his constituency of Galloway and Upper Nithsdale

pleading with his electorate one by one — and praying. Forty miles away, I encountered a contrast. In the village of Sanquhar, a part-industri-al, truck-stop kind of place, Mr Salmond was swooping in

to support Lang's challenger, Alisdair Morgan. I accompa-nied both round an aluminium extrusion plant. Salmond's progress was tribaltriumphal. A convoy of seven supporting cars, bedecked in

the party's acid yellow-green colours and dispensing na-tionalism and rock-candy, blared folksy music and confident slogans through a loudspeaker. Bright-eyed and jaunty, Salmond bounced

through the factory, pumping hands, dismissing Tory chances, sneering at Labour and looking forward, his relish evident, to a Scottish parliament.

which is losing 40 jobs to England, Salmond planned a jump and shout Sanguhar. "I jump out of the car and shout for five minutes." This party is spoiling

several cameras: Death Wish 19,

the first party election broadcast to make a profit on general release.

Not that famous names were

absent yesterday. Carla Lane, the

television writer, rang to say she had proof of law-breaking over the

live export of animals but that the

The Home Secretary, whose op-ponents regard him as the past

authorities were refusing to act.

Howard backs the rebels on right to dissent

By Philip Webster

MICHAEL Howard yesterday backed the right of Tory candidates to display their opposition to the Government's negotiate-and-decide policy on the single currency. In a move that will inevitably be seen as enhancing his leadership credentials, the Home Secretary also said there was nothing wrong in candidates accepting money from the Yorkshire businessman. Paul Sykes, to help them in their campaign.

Mr Howard spoke as Conservative party headquarters moved to dismiss all talk of a leadership contest, stating that the only election that mattered was the general election next week. But with Labour still holding a commanding poli lead, senior ministers have given further private indications of a co-ordinated move to persuade John Major to stay on, possibly until the autumn, if he loses office.

The ministers want both to nip an expected early challenge from John Redwood in the bud and to give Conservative MPs, including a large number of parliamentary newcomers, time to judge the possible contenders for the succession. The loyalist ministers also want to block any attempt by the Right to seize control of the executive of the 1922 committee of Tory MPs enabling it to have a big say on the timing of the leadership

Mr Major's close colleagues believe that he will be amenable to an appeal to stay on while an orderly contest is organised. But they have serious doubts over whether he would want to soldier on until the autumn if he has been heavily defeated.

Mr Howard, who along with Michael Portillo, John Redwood and William Hague. would be vying for the votes of the Right in a leadership battle, pointedly did not deny on BBC's Election Call that some Tory politicians were already fighting a leadership election. He said: "I am not able to comment for others. My own intention is to win the

Home Secretary says party should give itself enough rope could make with limitless cash and

Repetitive Statement Injury is one of the hazards of any election campaign. This af-fliction causes a dull ache in areas of the brain that absorb information and the more policy parroting one is subject to, the more likely one is to suffer RSI. The only antidote is a bizarre or unexpected statement

by a politician. Therefore I am indebted to Michael Howard, who offered some ternporary relief yesterday by raising the spectre of a future Conservative administration introducing the ultimate privatisation, namely privatiboidest initiative offered so far in

The Home Secretary appeared on Election Call (BBCI and Radio 4) and was asked a seemingly innocuous question by Raymond Pitt, of Gloucester, who wanted to know if Mr Howard agreed with Tory candidates taking money from Paul Sykes, the Yorkshire millionaire, if they were implacably op-posed to a single currency.

Nothing wrong with that, Mr Howard said, provided the candi-

dates believed in the policy. Peter Sissons, the presenter, then asked: "Where are we to draw the line? What if a millionaire wanted to On all public occasions, Mr

Howard has woven into his facial features a light smile designed to announce him as a reasonable man saying reasonable things with disagree. As with most trained

Howard for enabling him to speculate about the possibilities of some future Conservative government and its sponsored capital punishment policy

Peter Barnard thanks Michael

with which only a lunatic or a half-wit could possibly disagree. His reply to Sissons was a model believe in capital punishment and

if inviting a jury to come to a verdict

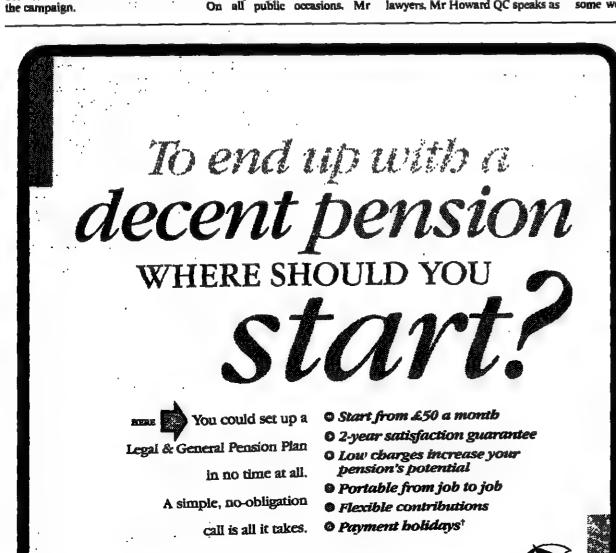
them, that is perfectly legitimate." The programme moved on, but my mind did not. It raced ahead to a scenario in which a routed

Conservative Party re-forms around a rightwing leader, possibly even Mr Howard. Five years hence, Tory candidates up and down the country, financed by millionaires in the rope and trapdoor industries, pledge themselves to the return of

And the Tories would have at their disposal far more glamorous sponsors than Mr Sykes. Imagine some wealthy supporter of capital liberal law-and-order thinkers.

Winner, that ebullient opponent of He was hanged if it was anything to

master of defining the difference between responsibility and blame was regretfully unable to help. These were matters for the police



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Labour and Tories are united by indecision

ON THE surface, the past week's campaign drama revolved around Europe. In truth, the reality of what happens in the EU was marginal to soundbite strife over political

leadership and party discipline. When John Major appealed over the heads of his squabbling candidates and ministers to voters not to bind his hands, he was making a final effort to sound like a leader. His speech laid out no strategy for resolving Britain's dilemma over the single currency, which the Prime Minister rightly described as the most momentous issue to face any British government in the second half of this century. The main parties' identically obdurate stances over EU fish quotas contain no prescription for achiev-

Evasion characterises most Brit-

ish debate over Europe. Few politi-cians can muster the self-confi-dence to admit that the governance of late 20th-century Britain has been profoundly influenced by the decision of France and Germany, backed by the United States and most of Germany's neighbours, to develop supranational government

But the EU finds itself at a crossroads. Its system is a higgledy-piggledy hybrid, combining purely federal elements, such as the European Court of Justice, with less integrated decision-making in which national governments retain their right of veto. Since the Single European Act of 1986 and the fall of the Berlin Wall, ordinary voters have expressed increasingly open doubts about the ultimate target of uniting Europe and about

the means being used to achieve that end. Undaunted, the architects of the Maastricht treaty set an apparently irreversible timetable for the launch of a single currency by at least some of the EU's states in January 1999.

If the euro is born on schedule, the currency's success or failure will shape British politics for a generation. History provides no example of a multilateral monetary union that has survived without a matching political union. The states that fuse their currencies will have to find a more effective system than the present one to keep governments in step with each other. The potential of the single currency to tighten the political unity of Europe is therefore immense. But since not all EU states can qualify to join, the power of



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guide to election issues

monetary union to divide is also enormous. Yet Britain's political class maintains an eerie silence on the issue of

principle. All three parties are

committed to referendums in the

joining. Neither main party will ask, let alone answer, the basic question: is the redistribution of power involved in currency union right or wrong?

Tory ministers, with the sole and notable exception of Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, convey the unambiguous impression that a Tory Cabinet would not join the first wave of states in 1999, but that membership has never been ruled out. Shadow ministers have kept their options open, but the underlying trend in Labour policy has been gradually to assure voters that a Blair government will make no sudden leap to join the single currency. That impression was hardened by the Labour manifesto's carefully toned remark that "formidable obstacles" stand in the

way of Britain joining the first wave of countries adopting the euro. Robin Cook went furthest when he said early in the campaign that the decision is unlikely in the next Parliament.

Debate over the euro has overshadowed the torpid Brussels talks to revise the Maastricht treaty. The government elected on May I will have six weeks before the revision is due to be completed.

Labour says that it would consider majority voting decisions on "certain areas" of social, industrial. regional and environment policy. But these exclude taxation - Labour is therefore not committed to ending the deadlock over an EUwide carbon energy tax - and are conditional on the voting system being reformed to give greater weight to large states such as

Britain. France and Germany. Labour's most distinctive promise remains its pledge to take Britain into the social chapter. What unites Britain's two main

parties on Europe remains more important than what divides them. Both believe that nation states remain the focus of people's loyalries and the basic building blocks of the system. Both are undecided about the single currency. Both are opposed to altering the treaty so as to make the formation of a "hard core" inside the EU easier. Both have little time for the idea that the EU should become a single global power in foreign policy and de-fence. Both would like to shift the EU's priorities away from the Franco-German agenda. In the end this convergence will matter more than the disagreements.

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Reality has failed to match the rhetoric

IN THE 18 years since the Conservatives were elected, Western Europe's political classes have grown used to poking their noses into their neighbours' business. A technocratic elite now links Brussels with other capitals in the European Union, and it is commonplace for bankers, civil servants and MPs across the Union to follow in detail the ups and downs of Helmut Kohl's plan to reform German pensions or the fate of Romano Prodi's "euro-tax" in Italy.

British politicians have been poor at networking on the Continent. Ministers in the Foreign Office who speak a second European language are the exception - let alone ministers at other departments. The adversarial habits of the House of Commons breed indifference to the coalition-building culture of continental politics.

Linked to partners whose long-term aim of European political and economic unification they did not share, British governments have long sought ways of avoiding the issue of Europe's destination.

that elusive overlap of interests was found. Margaret Thatcher fought pitched battles over the British contribution to the Brussels budget which allowed her to claim victory in her campaign to "get my money back". But Mrs Thatcher was lulled into a sense of false security. By the mid-1980s, Chancellor Kohl of Germany and François Mitterrand in France were quietly cementing a partnership determined to set Western Europe's agenda. Britain raised no objection to the appoint-

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technocrat called Jacques Delors as President of the European Commission.

Britain's businessmen were enthusiastic about M Delors' first big idea — bringing down the remaining barriers to an open market across 12 economies. Many businesses grew steadily more dependent on trade and cross-border investment in the European market, creating a commercial constituency now split about the merits of the single currency but united in fear of British disengagement from the EU.

business and wider public opinion towards monetary union can be traced back to the trauma of Britain's membership of the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) between 1990 and 1992. The Bundesbank privately warned John Major, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, that sterling was entering the system at an unsustainably high rate, and was proved right. Sterling's September 1992, was also triggered by men from the Bundesbank. British ministers had been unyielding in their insistence that the British economy had to follow the German mark, keeping interest rates high, even in the face of business collapses. Overnight, Cabinet ministers were converted to the opposite philosophy by events beyond their control. The Government

has never recovered from the blow to its authority. The economic costs and benefits of Europe differ huge-



the economy. Smaller busi-nesses which do not export are likely to have resented the ERM. Larger, multinational The lukewarm attitude of industrial groups concentrated in export trade emphasise the benefits of pan-European regulation and a regulated, frontier-free market of 380 million people from the Arctic

to the Aegean. Europhile politicians point out that in value terms, the EU market is 14 times the size of the American market and 212 times as large as the Japanese. Sceptics say that the opportunities of the next generation lie above all - which grow at three or four times the rate of stagnant European rivals.

The true costs and benefits of the EU to the British economy lie in between. The table (below right) discloses the plain and unexciting truth that Britain's economic health does not depend on the EU, but that complete withdrawal would involve enormous dislocation. The figures tell us little about what economic damage staying outside a single currency might do. since Britain would not auto-

ly between separate sectors of matically be excluded from the market. But many businessmen fear that an economic and political "core" Europe would slowly push British firms to the margins, depriving them of opportunities for mergers and acquisitions.

Mr Major has made great play with the claim that Britain's opt-out from the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty protected the country from expensive, job-destroying EU law. Although no comprehensive survey is possible, a majority of business opinion seems to agree with him; there is no strong lobby outside the social chapter.

But Mr Major often expresses his claim in ways which undermine his own case. He has said that joining the social chapter would cost half a million jobs but has produced no calculations to support the claim.

He does not always grasp that the opt-out gives Britain some protection from some EU social law, not complete insulation from all such legislation. He often implies that the opt-out encourages foreign investment to come to Britain

rather than to other EU states. There is little hard evidence to support that. The risks posed by the social chapter lie in its potential to add costs: but so far it has imposed few. Britain's competitive advantage is that British labour law has been reformed to cut the costs of employing Britons as against the cost of hiring

French or German workers.

Much debate about, "common foreign and security policy" has also revealed a large gap between reality and rheto-British governments believe that integrating the foreign policies of substantial. been possible by the methods used to merge economies. In 1991, Douglas Hurd was a lone advocate among European foreign ministers of this unremarkable contention. By this year and after the EU's stumblingly ineffectual handling of the Bosnian civil war.

if discreetly, accepted. Not all collective action is a waste of time. The EU states negotiate as a single body in world trade negotiations and gain greater clout from their strength of numbers. But the

the British position is widely.

lack of commonly agreed purpose and a common military force disables the EU's ambition to be a superpower.

Possibly the greatest disap-pointment in Britain's European policy of the past few years has been the Government's failure to press a powerfully argued case for admitting Central European states to the EU. If the original high moral purpose of European integration was to entrench democracy and to lower the risk of war by progressive economic and so-cial intermingling of societies. then the lowering of the Iron a chance to relaunch itself.

British ministers, besiege by sceptics who wanted redblooded hostility to everything across the Channel, lost interest in becoming advocates for making Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic early members of the EU. Herr Kohl, who wants the single currency to take precedence over EU enlargement, has successfully discouraged grand-standing on the issue. The next government has an opportunity to rectify this sad state of affairs.

THE POLITICIANS

MALCOLM RIFKIND Age: 50

Education: George Wat-son's College and Edin-burgh University.

Family: married, one son,

Politics: once rather "wet" on issues such as Europe and gently sympathetic to Scottish devolution; now making sceptical noises about Europe and firmly opposed to devolution. Unable to shake the suspicions that he has trimmed to suit the prevailing wind and not out of conviction.

Performance: thoroughly determined Scottish lawver but without long-term vision or the political clout to

ROBIN COOK

Age: 51 Education: Aberdeen Grammar School and Edinburgh University.

Family: married with two sons. His wife, Margaret, is a hospital consultant. One of his sons helps to compile his father's racing tips col-umn for a Scottish news-

Politics: Tribunite Left.

veering to Centre. By new Labour standards, sceptical about EU in general and single currency in particular. While robustly defending the Blairite line, always manages to leave the lingering impression that he incline further leftwards.

☐ Britain's net contribution

to the EU budget for 1995

(the latest year available) was £2.86 billion, the high-

est contribution of any

member state except

Germany, whose payment was fill billion.

☐ Large EU states have

served notice that they want

to alter the majority voting

quotas which load the sys-

tem in favour of smalller

states. Belgium, with a population about one eighth the size of Germany's, has half

Germany's voting weight.

☐ The next government

will face two major Euro-

pean summits within weeks

of taking office: the EU

heads of government meet-



wounds caused by the single currency. Failed to convince Cabinet that the "beef war" would be a diplomatic



Performance: despite the appearance of an irritable ginger-haired gnome, he terrifies Tories by the use of sharp, sardonic aggression at the dispatch box.

ing in Amsterdam June 16-

17, which is supposed to

settle the revisions of the

Maastricht treaty, and the

Nato summit in Madrid on

July 8, which should invite

selected central European

☐ A recent opinion poll

asked whether people thought they would be bet-

ter or worse off in ten or 20

years if their countries were using a single currency. In France 53 per cent of re-

spondents said that they

would better off and only 18

per cent thought that they

would fare worse. In both

Germany and Britain, re-

spondents thought they

would be worse off by ratios

states to join the alliance.

CONSERVATIVES



Vision: EU should be a "partnership of nation states". Nation state remains a "rock of security", and is the basic building block of the European system and gives a sense of belonging.

EMU: Cabinet ministers paying lip service to "wait and see" vary greatly in practice across a range of viewpoints. In constituency election ad-dresses many candidates have broken with official policy, using anti-EMU formulas on a scale from tepid reluctance to visceral hostility.

Maastricht II: no increase in majority voting or the powers of the European Parliament. No direct EU control of the Western European Union defence group. Pragmatic reform of European Court of Justice.

Enlargement: in favour of admitting Central European states, but warning that common agricultural policy and regional subsidies will have to be drastically cut. "Core" Europe: any arrangements to allow inner groups to

press ahead must be open to all and agreed by all

LABOUR



Vision: an alliance of independent nations choosing to co-operate to achieve the goals they cannot achieve alone. "We oppose a European federal superstate." Promises to give Britain "leadership in Europe". EMU: retain British opt-out and make "complex and difficult judgment" on basis of "hard-headed

assessment of economic reality". Staying out would grow harder if success of euro provoked pressure for British membership.

Maastricht II: limited extension of majority voting conditional on new voting weight for large states. Will join social chapter. No significant change to joint foreign policy: hostile to European army. Will not relax British

immigration control. Enlargement: enthusiastic about Central European membership. EU expansion planned as major theme of British EU presidency in first half of next year.

"Core" Europe: hostile in principle, but recent pragmatic

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS



a decentralised federal United Kingdom within a decentralised federal European Union. Britain must show leadership in

Europe. EMU: it is in Britain's interests

parallel with the euro zone. Maastricht II: extend majority voting but not to treaty changes or the EU budget. Open secretive Council of Ministers to public. Extend amending and blocking powers of European Parliament. Reduce numbers of European Commissioners.

Enlargement: EU should be "wider and deeper" and moved by the "spirit of enlargement". EU may well expand to 25 members in next decade.



to join as and when monetary union begins. Britain and its economy can only suffer by staying outside the single currency and will in any case be forced to run economic policy in

"Core" Europe: Franco-German plan incompatible with the spirit of enlargement.

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Severe spring frost takes a hefty nip out of southern French vineyards



Miles Miles

FROM SUSAN BELL IN FARIS

WINE growers in southeast France estimate that up to 80 per cent of the expected grape harvest in certain parts of the Var and the Drome may be lost after an exceptionally severe frost struck the region.

The sudden cold snap will reduce the volume of Cotes-du-Rhône this year by between 10 and 20 per cent, the Comité Interprofessionnel de Côtes-du-Rhône said yesterday, although exports are not expected to be affected. The volume of Côtes de

Coteaux d'Aix will also be reduced, As a wave of cold air swept across the region, the temperature fell to -5C (23F) on the night of April 17, The resulting frost blackened vines. particularly vulnerable as they were three weeks more advanced than usual at this time of year after

a mild and sunny spring.
One of the hardest-hit appellations will be Coteaux du Tricastin. with up to 80 per cent of the vines burnt by frost. "Everywhere you look there is desolation," lamented the proprietor of 22 hectares (54

acres) of vinyards at Suze-la-Rousse in the Drome, which produces Coteaux du Tricastin and Côtes du Rhone. "It is completely done for. There is not a single bud left which is green," added the local mayor, Michel Rieu, himself a wine

Seven thousand hectares of vineyards producing Côtes-du-Rhône out of a total of 43,500 hectares have been affected by the frost.

In the Vaucluse, the situation was the same, with more than a third of vineyards suffering from tempera-tures as low as -7C. Châteauneufdu-Pape, Gigondas and Vacqueyras are among the wines included in the estimated loss of 500,000 hectolitres (1) million gallons).

In the Var alone, where 20 communities were affected, the loss is estimated at 80 million francs (£8.8 million). More than 10 per cent of the region's annual production representing about 200,000 hectolitres has been lost, including 100,000 hectolitres of Côtes de Provence, about a quarter of the expected yield. Exports of Côtes-du-Rhône are not expected to be

affected as there are significant

Nor, according to Marie-Pierre Delpeuch, a spokesperson for the Comite, will the quality of the wine

However, the harvest will be made more difficult for growers as they must now distinguish between those vines which were affected by the frost, whose grapes will ripen more slowly, and those which escaped. "As a result, many growers will have to harvest twice this year. It is going to be very complicated for them," said Mme Delpeuch. A crisis group was set up in the region

investigate the possibility of financial compensation for the wine growers, who last night were lamenting what they described as a

"financial catastrophe". Fruit growers in the Drome were also severely affected by the adverse weather conditions. The community of Tain L'Hermitage suffered the worst with farmers predicting that more than 80 per cent of the local crop of apricots, cherries and pears had been ruined.

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Unicef condemns plight of young in Eastern Europe

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

A MILLION children are in care in Eastern Europe, hundreds of thousands live on the streets, drug and alcohol abuse among adolescents has reached record levels, and abandoned offspring are increasingly ending up as prostitutes or as victims of paedophiles.

That was the dismal picture drawn by Unicef yesterday in a 170-page report charting the fate of children in post-communist countries since 1989. The composite picture of a destroyed generation suggests that children had it rather better under communism. "In many ways they are worse off now, and this is a scandal, admitted the principal author. Gaspar Faith.

Unicef emphasises that it was not advocating a turning-back of the political clock. "If you compare the material situation of children then and now, you could say they were better off," said John Micklewright, a fund official. But this does not mean that communism is better for children. These are countries in transition, and the question is where they end up — as relatively more hostile to children. as in Latin America, or more friendly, as in Western

The report indicates that children are being abandoned on a massive scale. Divorces

and remarriage rates have plunged the most in the Baltic Caucasian countries. where in some cases the number of marriages has dropped by half," the report The breakdown of commu-

nism introduced the region to mass unemployment: 4.8 mil-lion jobs have disappeared in Central Europe since 1989, 2.2 million in southeast Europe, and 13.2 million in Russia and

6 Children are

worse off now than under communism. This is a scandal 🤊

the former Soviet Union. There are huge income differentials. The number of children living in poverty has risen drastically in the past six years. This has hit nutritional standards, increasing the prevalence of stunted growth. Neglect is also a problem, with parents trying to hold down several jobs. Bulgaria estimates that four in five children

have no after-school supervi-

Sexually transmitted diseases are on the increase among 14 to 17-year-olds, especially in the Baltic states, and the countries in the western part of the former Soviet Union. Syphilis is common in the region, after being virtually eradicated in the 1980s. The number of alcohol-related problems among Russian adolescents has jumped from 14.8 per 1,000 youths in 1990 to 27.3 in 1994. Marijuana smoking and glue-sniffing have become common to most schools.

Between 1989 and 1995. juvenile delinquency has increased. Shops in Warsaw have been selling out of baseball bats bought by combative rather than sporting Polish adolescents.

The growing number of street children has also encouraged the sexual exploitation of minors. In Riga, the Latvian capital, only 6 per cent of prostitutes were under the age of 15 in 1989. Now 24 per cent are minors. More than 1,000 Romanian boys are working as prostitutes in

Unicef is urging the govern-ments of the East not to neglect social welfare in their difficult transition to market economy. The charity is pressing for new systems of family support and child protection services. Child welfare services on the British model



Children squeezed into a small dormitory at an orphanage in Targoviste, Romania

Coalition intact as Netanyahu placates critics

ISRAEL's Prime Minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, yester-day reinforced his reputation as the Houdini of politics by emerging from the country's most serious scandal with his political strength undiminish-

As the Jewish state prepared for last night's start of the Passover holiday, all leading members of Mr Netanyahu's ruling coalition who had threatened possible resignation vowed to continue backing his hardline Likud Government, maintaining its comfortable tally of 66 seats in the 120-member Knesset.

The potential rebels within and beyond Likud claimed that Mr Netanyahu had been vindicated by the decision of the country's two senior law officers not to press charges of fraud and breach of trust recommended in a 995-page police report, which briefly threatened to plunge the country into a divisive June

Two senior Likud Cabinet members — Dan Meridor, the Finance Minister, and Limor Livnat, the Communications Minister — withdrew threats of resignation, demonstrating their agreement with Zevulun Hammer, the leader of the National Religious Party, a key coalition partner, who said: "The Government has the right to exist. It is not any worse than others from a moral point of view."

Similar statements of support for Mr Netanyahu, 47, srael's first directly elected

Way and the Russlan immigrants' parry, Israel B'Aliya, which between them control !! Knesset seats and which had indicated they might pull out.

After party meetings, they pledged their intention to stay in the coalition, making its political position impregnable despite repeated calls from the main opposition Labour Party for new elections.

Avigdor Kahalani, the former war hero who founded The Third Way, quashed any lingering Labour hopes when he said in response to the 75page report by the Attorney-General and the State Attorney: "I am glad the matter is behind us."

In a barnstorming series of television performances. Mr Netanyahu brushed aside many of the doubts raised by the report, which said his actions concerning Roni Bar-On, the Jerusalem criminal lawyer who was named Attorney-General, a post he vacated after only 12 hours, "raised

bewildering questions". The Prime Minister said: "The bottom line is, I did not commit any crime, and the Attorney-General confirmed that. I think, and so do the majority of the people, that this affair is behind us."

His reading of the political pulse was supported by a poll in the Tel Aviv daily news-paper, Yediot Ahronot, conducted after the prosecutors report. It found 58 per cent of Israelis supported Mr Netanyahu's determination not to

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Mining giants sign \$3bn-a-year deals with Zairean rebels

By SAM KILEY AEDICA CODDESPONDENT

MINING multinationals have signed billion-dollar deals for mineral rights with Laurent Kabila, Zaire's rebel leader, to get ahead in what is being billed as "the second scramble for Africa".

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Mining giants such as De Beers and American Mineral Fields have contracted to develop Zaire's mineral deposits which are worth at least \$3 billion (£1.8 billion) a year for copper, cobalt, gold, zinc and diamonds with the Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire, cutting the legally recognised Government out of the picture.

Executives with the firms said that they are happy to be doing business with the rebels, who control all of Zaire's mineral resources other than its offshore oil fields, because they do not ask for bribes.

De Beers has also ditched its relationship with the fastcrumbling regime of President Mobutu and signed up with the rebels to get involved in a \$500 million a year diamond business. The unusual alliance between big business and revolutionaries, many of whom were Chinese-trained Maoists and Marxists in their youth, has been accepted by Western governments, who see Mr Kabila as a man to lead Zaire out of three decades of corruption and staggering

This week American Mineral Fields signed three contracts worth \$885 million which would give the mining house access to the vast metal reserves of Shaba province.

Other multinationals have been asked to provide satellite telephones to the rebels, who have argued that without them they would be unable to negotiate mineral rights deals internationally.

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Unlike the days when President Mobutu farmed Zaire's economy as a personal cash cow, the businessmen said that there was no smell of

corruption in meetings with the rebel financial chiefs. Michael McMurrough, chief executive and chairman of American Mineral Fields, said: "AMF has not paid

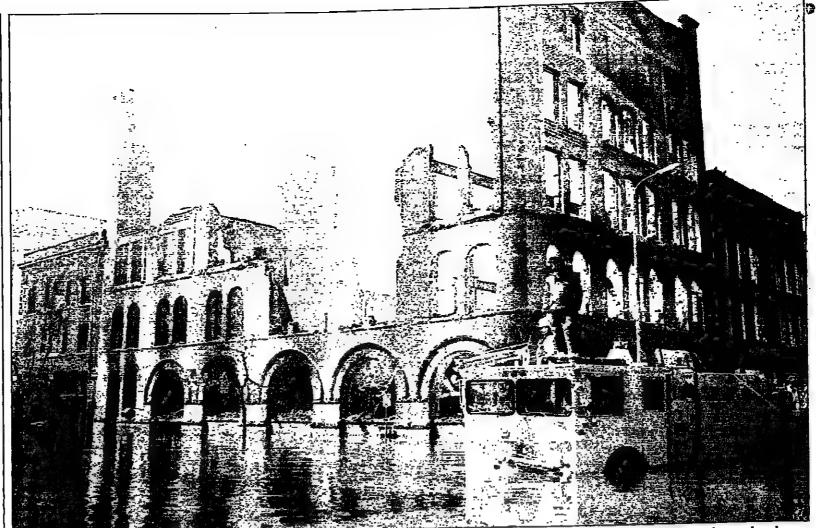
anyone anything."

Kenneth MacLeod, president of International Panorama Resource Corporation of Vancouver, said: "We are going to capitalise on the current strife by increasing our presence and our land holdings in the country."

Another mining magnate

based in Johannesburg gave the second scramble a historic twist: "Cecil Rhodesmust be spinning in his grave at the opportunities he is missing."

Kasese: Aid workers suspended operations in Rwandan refugee camps last night after an outbreak of looting, murder of local people and attacks on foreign journalists and ald workers by Zairean mobs. The Zaireans blamed Rwandan Hutu militiamen for the killings. (AP)



Firefighters near the Security Building, part of one of three city centre blocks to be destroyed by fire in Grand Forks at the weekend

Flooded city takes stock after inferno

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

GRAND FORKS in North Dakota, battered by floods and fire, has been left looking like a scene from wartime Dresden. Three blocks of the town were destroyed by a blaze that firemen, stranded by the flooding Red River, were unable to reach. They even tried taking fire engines into the area on the back of flatbed lorries, but failed.

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Police said that 90 per cent of the city's 50,000 residents, including hospital patients, had been moved to higher ground. More than 10 square miles of the state's second biggest conurbation were inundated after heavy spring rains and melting of record

snow, and the handful of people left in their homes were praying, awaiting rescue, or, in one or two cases, defiantly flying the Stars and Stripes.

Grand Forks city centre was

sitting in up to 7ft of stinking, sewage-tainted water but that did not prevent the fire spreading. The 11 destroyed buildings included a bank, offices, flats and the headquarters of the Grand Forks Herald. The cause of the fire was unknown. It was finally doused by helicopters, which dropped a mixture of chemicals and yet more water.

President Clinton is to visit the stricken area today, the

Whitewater prosecutor seeks longer inquiry

Washington: The Whitewater inquiry gains further momentum this week (Tom Rhodes writes). Kenneth Starr, the independent prosecutor, is expected to seek a six-month extension for a federal grand jury investigating the alleged involvement of President and Hillary Clinton in illegal

transactions in Arkansas.

Mr Starr's decision comes amid reports of repeated contact between Bruce Lindsey, the President's closest confi-

dant, and Webster Hubbell, the former Justice Department official convicted of fraud, who is alleged to have received money to keep silent about Whitewater. At the time, both were key witnesses

time, both were key witnesses in the case.

The jury was due to disband at the beginning of next month but the extension, which must be granted by the court in Little Rock, would retain its 23 members until the

end of November.



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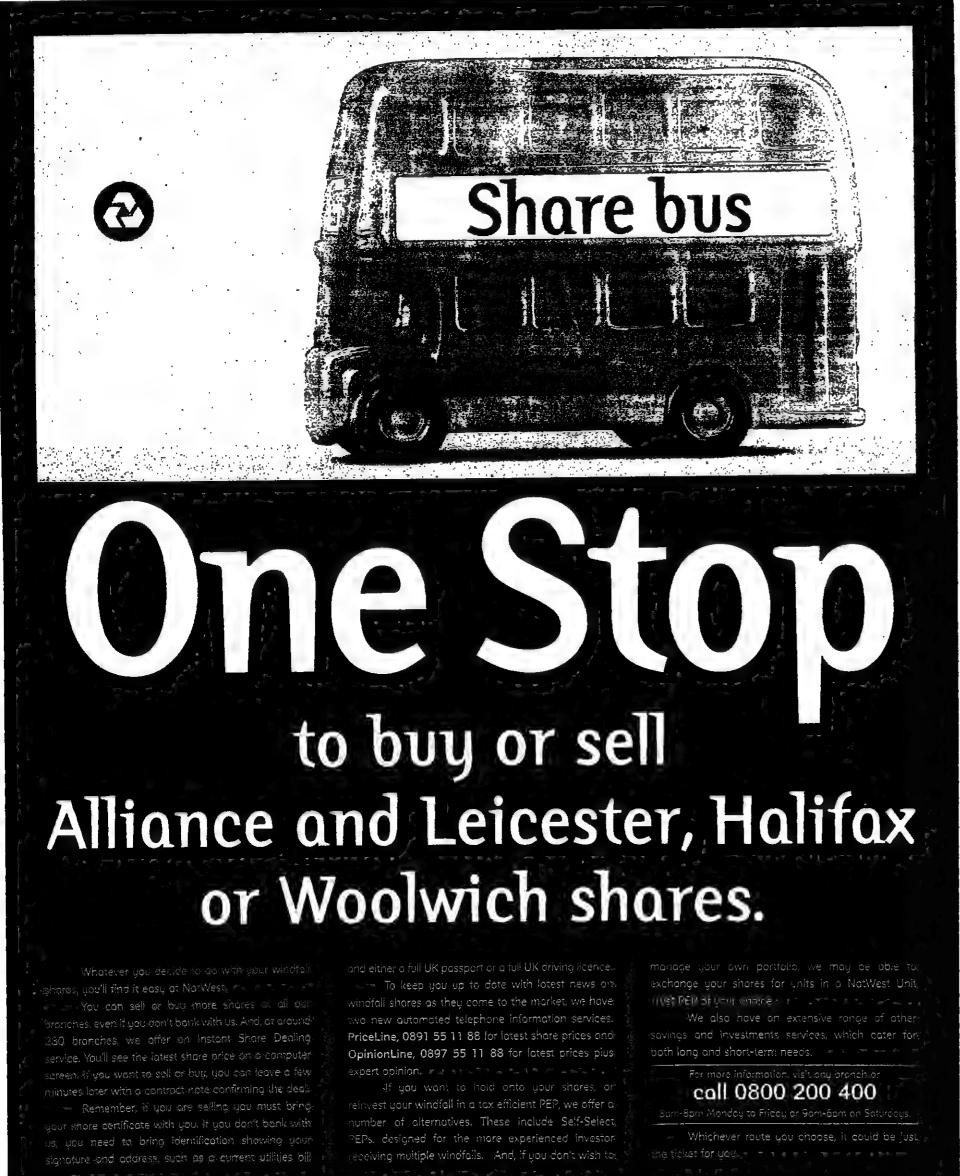
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Chirac announces early poll to gain mandate for EMU

PRESIDENT CHIRAC last night announced early parliamentary elections in an attempt to give his Gaullist-led Government a clear mandate to lead Prance into Europe's single currency.

in an unprecedented constimove, M Chirac brought the election forward by a year. The first round will be on May 25, the second a week later. Speaking on television last night, he offered a passionate explanation, saying that the "interest of the country commands that we advance the elections".

Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, will head the centreright majority's campaign, pledging cuts in state spend-

ing and taxes. However, the campaign will be dominated by Europe, with M Chirac and M Juppe determined that France is ready for the single currency in 1999.

With key decisions on monetary union and the reform of European institutions to be taken over the next year, France needed a strong Government. "In order to approach these deadlines from a position of strength ... your agreement and support are essential." he told voters.

Lionel Jospin, the opposition Socialist party's leader, has promised to renegotiate monetary union to implement expansionist economic policies

Gaullists gamble on decisive win

EUROPE will weigh heavily in the French legislative elections called yesterday by President Chirac, and the elections will weigh heavily on Europe. A decisive victory for the

ruling centre-right coalition would be certain to accelerate moves towards monetary union and political integration. Any other result would fuel the doubts hanging over the single currency and the intergovernmental conference on the reform of European

Most opinion polls say the Gaullist-led majority is likely to win. But none of France's mainstream leaders can claim to be respected by a volatile electorate, which could turn either to the Socialist-led opposition or anti-European protest parties. The Socialists want to renegotiate monetary union and the protest movements want to scrap it.

Given the uncertainty, yesterday's decision represents a bold gamble. M Chirac's job is secure until the next presi-dential election in 2002, but if iamentary majority, the Pres-

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lower with the Socialists. Under the French constitution, the head of state can dissolve parliament at any time. Yet no President has used his power in this way before. Legislative elections have always been called immediately after a presidential election or during a major crisis. The Gaullists must convince the electorate that it was necessary to break with tradition and call the polls for a month's time, a year before they were due to be held.

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With M Chirac likely to step above the political fray, it will be left to Alain Juppe, the Prime Minister, to explain that France needs a strong government to lead the country into the intergovernmental conference and single currency. He says his Government will have greater authority in European negotiations if it. has a clear electoral mandate.

However, the ruling coalition will mind its words over Europe. Many Gaullist voters are hostile towards the single rrency and angry about austerity budgets to prepare

Minister. The result of the election could also hinge on the performance of minority parties such as Jean-Marie Le Pen's extreme right-wing Nat-ional Front, which is opposed to the Maastricht treaty.

According to an opinion poll Gaullist-led Government is likely to win a majority of the 577 seats in the National

The coalition formed by M Chirac's Gaullists and the centrist UDF movement won a crushing majority in the 1993 legislative elections as voters abandoned left-wing parties dogged by sleaze allegations. Under the French constitu-

tion, the Prime Minister and his Cabinet represent the ma-jority in the National Assembly, even if they oppose the President, M Chirac could, therefore, find himself involved in a difficult cohabitation with M Jospin until his term of office ends in 2002.

The head of state, who wanted to announce the snap lection on Thursday, was forced to confirm his decision yesterday after it was widely leaked. His opponents will accuse him of opportunism. pointing out he is the first President in the Fifth Republic to dissolve the National Assembly for "his own conve-nience". They believe the Government is planning further spending cuts this year.

M Jospin said: "If the majority was confident of the success of its policies, it would wait calmly for the elections in a year." M Le Pen, who yesterday earned widespread condemnation for his description of the Nazi gas chambers as "a detail of history", said: The President is afraid that 1998 will be full of threats."

However, M Chirac's coalition will argue that its reforms are vital for France's future. He said France needed a farreaching reform of the state to make possible a cut in public spending, the only way to reduce taxes and welfare charges which weighed too heavily on citizens and dis-couraged initiative. "We must go further along the road to change," M Chirac said.



The body of Lenin, which has been returned to public display in his mausoleum in Red Square after a threemonth course of treatment by embalmers.

As the remains of the founder of the Soviet state underwent a series of chemical baths in the specially designed underground lab-

Lenin back on display

a debate raged in Russia over his final resting place (Robin Lodge writes). A growing number of liberal politicians have been demanding the removal and

oratory adjoining the mar-ble mausoleum in Moscow, on grounds of common decency and as a gesture of renunciation of Russia's Soviet past. But Communists and other members of the old guard argue that such a

trayal for millions of Russians and a denial of the country's history and heritage. A Communist resolution last month denouncing any attempt to move the body as an act of vandalism failed to gain a majority.

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President Yeltsin has sug-

Pakistan endorses new Delhi leader

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA'S twelfth Prime Minister, Inder Kumar Gujral, was sworn in yesterday at the presidential palace in Delhi to the uncommon sound of accolades from all countries in the region, even Pakistan.

No choice of leader for Asia's superpower South could have been more popular with Islamabad. Its warm message represented a rare sign of hope that the two nations could embark on serious attempts at conciliation for the first time since their last war — the third — in 1971.

Mr Gujral has given Indo-Pakistan relations top priority and can be expected to seek an early dialogue with Nawaz Sharif, his Pakistani opposite number, with whom he has a good personal relationship. home province of Punjab in 1919 and retains family links there. His wife, too, was born in what is now Pakistan - in Lahore, the Punjabi capital. The Prime Minister's office

in Islamabad hoped that Mr Gujral's "welcome" appointment, to be confirmed in parliament today, would lead to better relations. Almost every Pakistani newspaper welcomed the appointment.

Mr Gujral, 77, made it clear last night that he would press for the opening of cross-border trade, all but non-existent now. He was sure of success. In a recent interview with The Times, he said he had "emotional" feelings towards Pakistanis because of his background and wanted relations normalised in his lifetime.

India had a vested interest in a strong, stable and prosperous Pakistan because any fire in a neighbour's house was bound to spread. The aim should be to tackle the least controversial issues, such as trade and visa restrictions, and use them to build confi-

dence. Political uncertainty in Delhi has made Islamabad reluctant to consider any conciliatory gestures - such as demilitarisation of the disputed Siachen Glacier - and it may still feel that the 13-party United Front coalition is too unstable for bold decisions.

Mr Sharif is Pakistan's strongest elected leader; he has a two-thirds parliamentary majority, Islamic hard-liners are sidelined, and the army appears committed to democracy. There has never been a better opportunity for Pakistan to offer concessions.

WORLD SUMMARY

Saddam to flout flight ban

Nicosia: Iraq declared yester-day that it would flout a no-fly zone imposed by American and British warplanes by sending helicopters to collect "sick and exhausted" pilgrims returning from Mecca (Michael Theodoulou writes).

Saddam Hussein also issued a warning that threats to the pilgrims' safety would be met with the suitable response to deter aggression". The White House said it would, if necessary, respond "appropriately, but we're not going to shoot down civilian helicopters".

Troops arrive

Hong Kong: Forty soldiers of the Chinese People's Liberation Army arrived in Hong Kong yesterday, the advance party of the 10,000 troops who will replace the British garrison on July I (Jonathan Mirsky writes). The soldiers will start preparing barracks for the garrison, the first mainland unit in Hong Kong for more than 150 years, and make logistical arrangements.

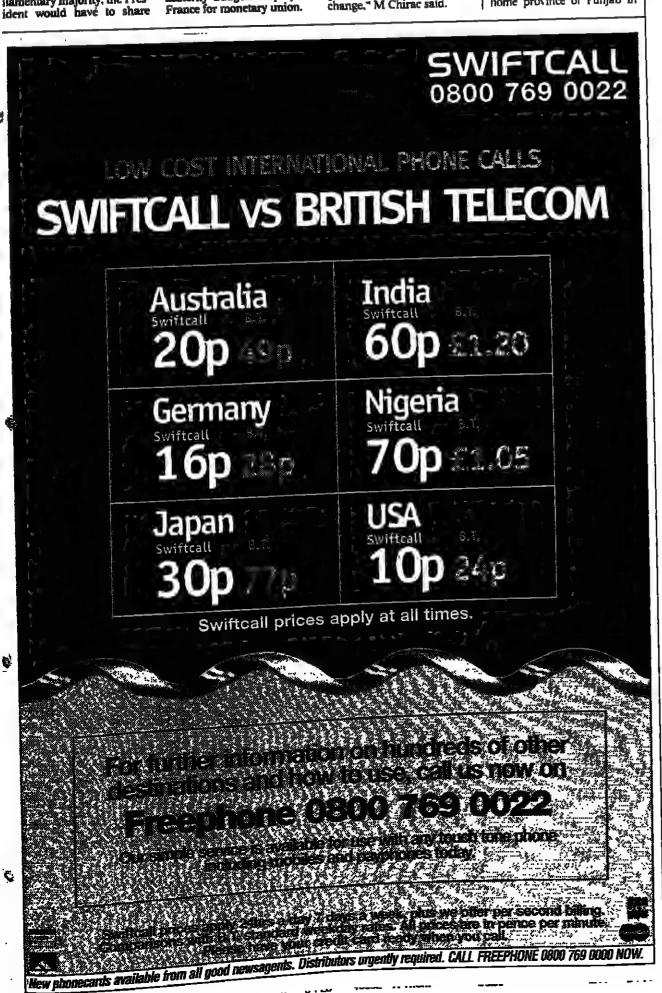
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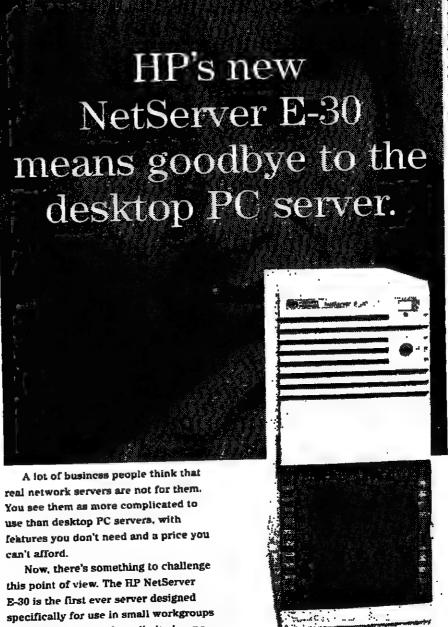
Rosenheim: A German couple are to stand trial for offering through the Internet to provide children for sexual torture to sadomasochist paedophiles. They are alleged to have said they could arrange the kidnapping, rape and other sexual abuse of children for money. Murder would cost extra. (AFP)

Royal rejection

Stockholm: King Carl XVI Gustaf, 50, has upset Sweden's Freemasons and broken a 200-year tradition by refusing to succeed his late uncle, Prince Bertil, as the organisation's Grand Master, Expressen, the Swedish daily newspaper, reported. (AFP)

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Taking marriage for granted is the essential thing

In part two of our series on marriage, John Bayley, husband to Iris Murdoch for 40 years, reflects that the point of being married lies in its permanence

GROWING OLD TOGETHER

n Anthony Powell's su-perbly constructed novel sequence A Dance to the Music of Time, there is a good deal about marriage, both in terms of commentary and example.

Marriage, he ruminates, can be investigated and explained. but it is doubtful if an existing marriage can be described directly in the first person and convey a sense of reality. One cannot, in fact, define the distinctive "marriedness" of one's own arrangement, though one can have a shot, as Powell does admirably, at conveying an idea of how two other people are getting on in the married state.

Marriage, Powell concludes, contains "a hundred dual antagonisms and participations — the moods of a love affair, the contradictions of friendship, the jealousy of business partners, the fellowfeeling of opposed commanders in total war". It sounds a strenuous busi-

ness, and in a way no doubt it is, its pains can be defined more easily than its pleasures. and Powell is not the only novelist to have charted those pains both hilariously and gruesomely. Dr Johnson was surely wrong, too, in remarking that although "marriage has many pains, celibacy has no pleasures". Celibacy has lots of pleasures, which can be catalogued much more easily than those of marriage, and for that reason are, in the end, perhaps less worth having.

Marriedness, therefore, exists as a separate state only in so far as you don't try to define it. You must look at it mystically, or negatively, ticking off the things that are ultimately irrelevant to it, such as sex and



John Bayley and his wife Iris Murdoch have always listened to The Archers with a common sense of absurdity; even the pigs can provide them with a source of amusement

ried to be very successful at these related activities. Two people can live together for years, have a perfect sex life and a number of children, and yet have no idea what marriage is all about. Merely living with someone, as Powell notes in Memoirs, is quite a different experience, which, by apparently imitating it, paradoxically falsifies the idea of marriage. You must do the real thing to find out what it is. Those who are married in all but name are apt to be too conscious of their relationship to take it for granted.

And taking it for granted is the essential thing. Of all the gruesome misunderstandings about matrimony the most

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sinister is that the partners "have to work on it". No doubt, because their social codes still discourage promiscuity while allowing frequent changes of marriage, the Americans tend to be conscientious workers in the marriage field. Like jogging, this has to be done regularly, and usually in public. There is also the

spectre of progression. "Our marriage wasn't getcomplaint or an excuse often made by individuals or couoles who have ahandoned the previous arrangement and are preparing to embark on a second trial. But again, the essence

of marriage is surely that it is both permanent and static: one of cessity of getting to know her those things you can't do anything about. To consider doing something could mean that the whole thing may

begin to come to pieces. Before the divorce laws, this permanence of "the knot there's no untying" was taken for granted: and there is a sense in which modern marmarriage at all, because although it may be formalised it nonetheless remains a voluntary convenience. An excellent thing for practical purposes; the marriage state, however, does suggest something rather

It can begin by a meeting with fate - an obscure realisation that the moment of destiny has arrived. I first saw my wife as she labori-

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ously pedalled an ancient bicycle past the college in north Oxford where I was living. It was a thoroughly nasty day, and she day, and she looked cold, depressed and preoc-Wagnerian

think of nothing but the absolute neas soon as possible. I found she was a philosophy don at the college next door. I was still virtually a student. She was six years older and quite uninterested in getting mar-

ried, least of all to me. A wedding did eventually take place, however; and after it I can recall very distinctly the strange relief of finding that my "fiance" appeared to be quite different, seeming to take for granted that all the fuss was now over. From now on we should each do what we wanted to do, but in a different way. Our solitude, as it were, existed on a more friendly

There was no need to do anything about this, to get to know each other inside marriage, to suppose or pretend a wish for more of the other's company. Politicians or business people who announce that they are giving something or other up to "spend more time with their wives and families" always sound singularly unconvincing, as if indeed, as Powell put it, they were failing to convey any true sense of reality. Une may trumpets seemed to indeed want to be with somesound and i could one - a wife or a husband but to say that you do in public

> is always suspect. Married intimacy is not only secretive but mainly a matter of humour. Probably the whole business is comic from the start, and recognition of this is one of its greatest and most beneficent relaxations. It is certainly a help to find each other funny, part of the healing process of what the Australian poet A. D. Hope subtly referred to as "moving closer

take it, the process by which the closeness of the partner becomes itself something to contemplate happily and comfortably from a distance, like a picture, a work of art or, indeed, a joke. If Othello and Desdemona, or Romeo and Juliet, had been able to have a good laugh, or see each other in the blessed light of humour and comedy, they would most likely not have come to a tragic end. Humour helps to displace sex, and gender, too, and without making these two basic and unalterable things frivolous, removes their implacable quality. An essential aspect of marriage can be to dissolve the difference between men and women: you

umour again is the solvent here, for its origins and response make no distinction between the sexes. Tolstov's characters Vronsky and Anna Karenina are in some ways archetypal man and woman, but the difference is dissolved in a most touching way right at the end of the novel when Anna, on her way to the station to throw herself under a train, suddenly sees something funny which she

which to be.

thinks she will tell Vronsky. Then she realises she won't be seeing him again. It is a moment at which she — and we - suddenly realise, too late, that the now estranged and divided lovers still have a sense of humour in common.

My wife and I have always

found The Archers extremely

funny for some reason; and we share this sense of absurdity by describing episodes for each other, if one of us happens to have heard them and the other not. In this way even the pigs amuse us. Such a sharing can survive even the breakdowns caused by illness and old age. Mental deterioration may disturb the free-andequal give-and-take of married intercourse. One partne may no longer be able to think or speak as he or she once did But the tenderness of humour and of a joke survives even this deadening interruption of the old relationship. Never mind about "caring": the main thing in a marriage of senility is to retain, from the resources of its past, enough mutual under- 🦜 standing to produce and prolong a togetherness of jokes.

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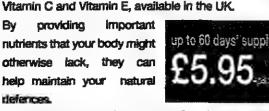
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For marital bliss open an account

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band has just arrived home. He should have been back an hour ago. Do selfish and inconsiderate, just like he always is? Or do you commiserate with him about the heavy workload his boss has just dumped on him, and offer him a stiff drink? According to Frank Finch-

am, Professor of Psychology at the University of Wales, Cardiff, and the country's foremost academic authority on marital relationships, the explanation you choose for our spouse's behaviour can influence the future of your marriage. Professor Fincham calls the selfish explanation "conflict-promoting"; the workload explanation is "relationship-enhancing".

i have conducted four studies which track couples over time, and all showed that the interpretations give rise later on to marital satisfaction

Unfortunately, there does oot seem to be a checklist of what makes a happy mar-riage. In the Sixties, everyone thought good marriages were based on a 'tit-for-tat' model, where good deeds by one spouse were reciprocated by the other. That's simply not

the case. Neither is a good marriage simply a mirror image of what makes a bad marriage. The best model for happy marriages is the bank account model, where a couple builds up an account of goodwill and behaviour, which each draws on from

time to time. "Tit-for-tat, or reciprocal behaviour, is actually a signature of a distressed marriage Spouses get locked into a cycle of conflict. which escalates until one partner fin unbeurable and backs down. This pattern repeats itself because spouses learn it's a good tactic."

also spotted something interesting while observing cou-ples talking. The way they behaved towards each other seemed to happen too fast to

He explains: "There's a lot of cognitive processing that we are not aware of." As a result, he decided to investigate the way married people analyse their relationships.



There is no checklist for a happy marriage

finding of my career".

Participants were asked to give their reactions, by hitting a button, to 48 words. The list included evocative words

such as ice-cream and death. but included four related to relationships: partner, spouse, wife or husband and the name of the participant's spouse. Their reactions were timed, and varied between se. Their reactions were

Professor Fincham discovered a surprising connection between speed of reaction, and stability of marital satisfaction. Those with the fastest response seemed to tent level of marital satisfaction, whether they were happy or unhappy. Those with slower responses displayed the greatest swings in happiness. finding." Professor Fincham says. "We have attitudes to

everything, including our partners, and upon meeting spouses, some people will access their judg-

ments more readily, and therefore register faster re-sponses. It indicates how close to the surface some attitudes are. Even differences of a few milliseconds counted." Exactly why being faster on

the button is linked to a more consistent level of marital happiness is unclear. But Professor Fincham has a few ideas. In very simple terms, those people who view their

spectacles will tend to interpret their partner's behaviour in this light. They take in little new information, and make an almost on-the-spot judgment. So, over time, they seem

to be consistently satisfied. Similarly, perhaps people who always have an uncharitable view of their spouse also tend to evaluate their part ner's behaviour very quickly. As a result, they are consistently dissatisfied.

Slower respondents, whose emotions and attitudes are less instantly accessible, perhaps show a more malleable approach. That would allow them to interpret their partner's behaviour with less prejudice, and therefore experience greater swings in satisfaction levels.

Professor Fincham hopes to track how this accessibility varies over the course of a marriage. He has awarded a grant of £144,000 by the Economic and Social Research Council, and is trying to recruit 200 pairs of newlyweds to assist; to date, 85 couples have stepped

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'Regrets? — I've got hundreds'

Having come through the "lost years", Marianne Faithfull is back with a sell-out tour — but no answers to why her life turned out the way that it did. Interview by Noreen Taylor

first met Marianne Faithfull in the late Seventies when she was married to her second husband, punk musician Ben Brierley. Reviews of her album Broken English had described her as a brilliant new discovery. It was so different from the previous decade when, as Mick Jagger's lady, both she and her hit, As Tears Go By, had been treated as inconsequential pop froth.

Both Marianne and Ben were staying in the pretty Buckinghamshire cottage Jagger had bought for her mothr. They were heroin addicts, Flaky, fragmented, unkempt creatures, they were unable to concentrate on any topic for very long. After a couple of hours, the interview disintegrated into a rambling gabble. Eventually I left, despairing

for them, convinced "rock star in death overdose" headlines were only months away. I underestimated Marianne. When we met again last week, 17 years on, I reminded her of that first meeting. "Oh, you must tell me all about it. I'm sure I liked you,"

The transformation has been extraordinary. Not only in her looks - bright-eyed, sleek, shin-ing hair, black trouser suit, a present from Calvin Klein (Marianne has always had great contacts) — but in the efficiently crisp manner with which she conducts herself.

Only the voice remains the same: a theatrical husk, a tribute to years of brandy and cigarettes. Even her facial scars, a hangover from street life, have an edgy appeal. Compared to the broken rock babe persona of the lost decades, this reincarnation has, comparison, an almost Thatcherite briskness.

"Pictures. Right! You want me outside, then let's get going. Neil, cigarettes, please dear," she asks the publicist. "Would you mind? Know I'm not going to last."
We are in one of the drawing

rooms of a neo-Gothic pile, Braziers Park, near Reading,



Early days: Mick Jagger and Marianne Faithfull in 1967

an educational establishment co-founded 50 years ago by her father. Glyn Faithfull, and where he now lives in retirement. Marianne is visiting him while on the European leg of her An Evening in the Weimar Republic concert tour. The show is a celebration of the music of Kurt Weill and the lyrics of Bertolt Brecht. both long-time passions of

Marianne. It has been playing to sell-out audiences across America, and earning ecstatic reviews describing her as one of the finest interpreters of that rich musical heritage of the inter-war years. I tell her she looks pleased

and at peace with herself. "Well, I feel I'm finally doing what I was always supposed to do, except I didn't have that trust in life, so I resisted. I

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usually wake up happy these days, though not in a smug

Asked to describe herself, she opts for sensitive. Deeply so, maybe drugs were the only way for me to cope." Regrets? "Hundreds, though I'm not eaten up by them. I try to stay in the here and now.

"If I hadn't wasted so many years, I'd probably be at the point I've reached now, anyway. Should I have taken the planned path, studied music at the Royal Academy, and sung Mozart for the last

20 years, I'd probably have discovered Weill and still be doing exactly what I am now. instead I chose the empirical route . . . Oh Lord I'm sor-She breaks off for a moment.

her forehead in

to cope' irritation as though she can't face another question. "It's just that I feel so inadequate when it comes to explaining myself, my motives. my lost years, my mistakes, my addictions. I don't really have any answers you know.

cople think I must have after what I've been through, but I can't explain myself, or the circuitous journey I took. Sometimes, I quiver in fury at the waste, other times I believe I must have quite liked doing whatever I did. That I have a need for drama has never been in dispute, it's just that I'm unable to come up with reasons for what hap-

pened." She obviously tried. I remind her of Faithfull, the autobiography published three years ago detailing a life that went from living with Jagger in Chelsea splendour to hanging out homeless on top of a Soho wall. "Oh, that book, It was too dark, made everything so traumatic and caused so many problems, especially with my son." Nicholas. 31. her only child, born when she was 19 and married to John Dunbar, is now father of a

four-year-old son, Oscar.
"I mean Nicholas is just here in London doing his life, and my reminiscences were understandably too painful for him. And yes, of course I'm friendly with John, and Ben too, who is now clean and

Yes, I'm friends with Mick too. And why not? Sharing so much of your life with people you've loved, how can you not be friends? Drugs were my downfall, nothing to do with Mick, who I have a great respect for. Such a talented man, and still writing beauti-

"A few weeks ago in New York he sent a limousine round to pick me up after my show. He wanted me to join him in a studio where he was recording with Charlie and Keith, and we just sat around for hours talking, drinking coffee, enjoying each other.
I'm not competing with the Stones anymore you see, so it's cool. I'm out of that equation, In fact most of my audiences don't associate me with Mick and that period. They're too young for all those rock chick

Arriving at the recent Vanity Fair Oscar night party, Marianne was met at the doorway by Bianca Jagger who insisted: "Mick's over there. You've got to go and talk to him."

The three share a history positively operatic with drama. Marianne's suicide attempt and drug habits finally closed her relationship with Jagger. He and Bianca parted after a most acrimonious divorce. Yet there they were huddled together for most of the evening.
Since 1985, after six months

of treatment paid for by one of her saviours, Island Records, Marianne has lived mostly in Ireland, in the romantic Shell Cottage, part of the 1.000-acre Carton estate, west of Dublin.

"Shan't be living there anymore," she says. "Cost too much. So I'm going to do

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something I've never done in my life before. I'm going to buy a house, prob-ably by the sea in Co Wicklow. Nothing extravagant, because I don't have lots of money. which is why I have to work so house, that'll be my latest joy."

What about love? Men? Had she resigned from those joys? "I used to have a terrible block about falling in love. I'd been hurt so many times that I couldn't allow myself to do so. Being pretty. I used to be so easily manipulated by flattery, then I decided to block it all off for a while. Safety, that's what I thought I wanted. Then you may as well be dead.

"Îm in love now, since you ask. Very much so, and no. 1 won't say who he is, although it's quite a big thing. Loving someone and being loved. couldn't do any of that when I was an addict. You see, when you're on drugs you're locked out of everything, including relationships. Your habit is the

only thing that counts.
"Nowadays, I prefer the solitary life. I don't drive, I live in the Irish countryside, so I'd have to have found some measure of peace. I feel completely at home in Ireland. accepted, part of the rhythm. There are too many ghosts in London. I'd feel haunted living there, although I love popping across to see friends, and of course my grandson."

Still a smoker, does she miss drink? "I have the occasional glass of champagne and there are times when only a gin and tonic will do, but no I don't miss any of it. Doctors can't believe how healthy I am. I have to be careful though, I'm always going to have to watch



stay up for four nights and still look wonderful. Not any more. Can't think of anything that would make me stay up all night now. Apart from ... oh. all right then, the right man might make me stay up all

Gales of bawdy laughter follow, reminding you the raver has not been completely eclipsed by the woman, how ever resolute and business-like she may appear.

Please, I have an aversion to the born-again supposition."

I've succeeded in doing. During the last two years of my mother's life when I was clean, I don't think she liked me quite as much. Too straight. I used to tell her that finally she was getting all of me.

"That's what I've ended up with. Nonetheless, I would never dare go around crying victory. To me that would be the greatest folly of all."

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Major is just not up to the job

Anatole Kaletsky on the Tories'

catalogue of farces and fiascos

hen John Major has to make an important decision, he allegedly takes a blank sheet of paper, draws a line down the middle and lists all the pros and cons on either side. In the last full week of campaigning before the election, it seems appropriate to treat Mr Major he same way. The process is hard to encapsulate in a single article, and every voter's judgment must remain his or her own. Why then am I about to break the habit of a lifetime by discussing my voting intention", as Simon Jenkins wrote on this page last week? Partly, no doubt, because I hope to persuade some readers to

igree with me. The main point of doing this is to explore the central mystery of this election and, indeed, of everything that has happened in British politics over the past few years. There are plenty of reasons why Lab-our may be elected, not least the vague desire for a change of political scenery after 18 years. But could such inchoate restlessness be enough to impel the greatest electoral landslide for 50 years? Is it why Tony Blair may end up with a bigger majority than Margaret Thatcher or Clement Attlee

ever enjoyed? The answer must This is surely be no. But even supposing that the least people are lying to he pollsters, why electable are they lying in unprecedented num-Government bers? Why are they for 50 years so embarrassed to support the Tories?

What has the Government done to earn such contempt? People are not starving in the streets. The country has not been defeated in war, pace the Eurosceptics. The economy may not be performing brilliantly, but it is certainly doing no worse than five years ago. So what is going on?

Let us return to Mr Maior's blank sheet of paper. On the credit side of the ledger there are numerous worthy achievements to his name: defeating inflation, running a sensible economic policy after Britain left the exchange-rate mechanism, expanding higher education, improving some public services (even while others have been allowed to crumble), steering a pragmatic middle course in relations with Europe, and so on. Most of these achievements would probably be maintained if the Tories were re-elected, despite the infighting and political chaos that would doubtless ensue. On the debit side of the ledger there are major strands of policy which would motivate me, for one, to vote against — the mismanagement of macroeconomics before White Wednesday, the disregard for the public interest in the environment and transport, the total indifference to the widening gap between rich and poor.

I could, of course, add many more policies to both sides of this account. But no listing of policies that I could imagine would be so uneven on the two sides of the ledger as to explain why Mr Major's Government has become the least electable in 50 years. To do that, we must add items of a different

kind to the list. A government is elected not merely to imple-ment the policies it advertised in its manifesto. Policies, on the whole, are invented by boffins and implemented by civil servants. Politicians must, of course, set priorities, but their most important and challenging task, especially in a period of ideological consensus, is not to put forward programmes, but to deal with the unexpected. "Events, old boy, events," as Macmillan famously replied when asked to describe the greatest challenge that any prime minister faced.

The chief executive of a reasonably stable and successful company is usually selected not because of the new corporate strategy he proposes but, rather, on his record of competent management, of appointing and promoting the right people and of reacting to unexperted opportunities and threats.

It is when we come to the random and unpredictable events that have buffeted Mr Major that the two sides of the ledger show a tragicomic asymmetry. The Danish referendum, White Wednesday, the Maastricht paving debate, the Mellor scandal, the sacking of Norman Lamont, the "back to basics" fiasco, the election of

Jacques Santer, the mad cow crisis, the "whipless" Tory rebellion, the bungled Cabinet reshuffles, the Scott report, the scandals over the Child Support Agency and the management of prisons, the endless aborted relaunches

and impotent assertions of authority, right down to the latest fiascos over Neil Hamilton and free votes on European monetary union - the catalogue of tactical errors. misjudgments, confusion and pathetically ineffectual leadership just goes on and on.

one of these farces and fiascos on its own could explain the public contempt for John Major's Government. But putting them all together shows a pattern of unrelieved incompetence the like of which has rarely been seen before.

While there have been many governments whose deliberate policies have produced worse results for the British people than have Mr Major's, there has never been a government as helpless and incompetent as this one in responding to unexpected pressures and in managing the nation's political affairs from day to day. That, I suspect, is why voters have turned against the Tories in

Mr Major is a charming and affable person, who is understandably liked by the voters. But the voters have also realised he is simply incapable of being Prime Minister. If he cannot run the 350 Tory MPs, how on earth can he hope to run the country? Whether Tony Blair will prove a capable Prime Minister is another matter; no one has ever claimed that democracy is a foolproof system for guaranteeing good governments. What democracy can - and must -- do is eject a government that is dearly not up to



Donors, duty, dread

The headline said "Sentenced to die by my sister", and beside it was a blurred picture of two pretty girls in happier days. "A mother is facing death from leukaemia because her sister refuses to donate her bone

Worse, it was true. Mrs Angela Latham of Blackpool is precariously kept alive by drugs; her bone marrow type is rare and her sister Susan is the only perfect match. Transplant-ation would have a 60 per cent chance of success. But as the hospital record economically puts it, "It is unfortunate that her sister does not like hospitals". Susan Squires came close to donating, but withdrew out of fear. After a period of family estrangement, the patient, Mrs Latham, chose "to try one last throw of the dice" by deliberately making the story public.

So this is not a case of press intrusion, although there is some thing excruciating in the exposure of details such as the sick woman's young son going round to plead with his Auntie Sue. The family has painfully invaded its own privacy but it may have worked. The next day we were told that Miss Squires is thinking again, particularly as it now transpires that she might not need to go into hospital. One might ask why the doctors originally concerned in this case could not have suggested this without involving us media vultures, but never mind. There may yet be a happy outcome; and if so the staring, blaring press will have

played some part. This will be even more valuable if it makes us reflect how thin is the veneer of casual everyday acceptance in such matters. It is easy to think otherwise: blood donors are taken for granted and barely thanked - indeed, the nation is gruffly told off when supplies run low. Placentas are sold for medical use without anybody even mentioning it to mothers, and every week's news brings a fresh miracle, from donor ova to sections of liver which re-grow in a new body.

Hardly an eyebrow was raised when Nicola Horlick, in the flurry of interviews when she became a wronged celebrity supermother, said that one reason she went on having children was in the hope of producing a perfect marrow donor match for her eldest. There is a vague consensus that any decent person, adult or child, would willingly hand over any

One sister has leukaemia; the other has the right bone marrow but fears hospitals

dispensable part of his or her body to save a life. And of course, many do. There is a large bank of bone-marrow donors, acting out of pure altruism

towards strangers.

We determinedly focus on the bright scientific veneer and suppress the old primitive horrors of hospitals and passivity, white coats and needles and knives and anaesthetics. Doctors can be downright impatient with anybody who dreads them, so it was heartening to read the compassionate letter to The Times yesterday from Professor Ian Franklin, a consultant in the bone-marrow

Glasgow Royal Infirmary. He boldly reasonable fears and anxieties" of poor Susan Squires, and robustly said be inappropriate to make light of the general anaesthetic

and post-operative pain that marrow donors must endure". Donors, he says, should be counselled by an independent but knowledgeable

Poor Miss Squires, Such respect and protection was stripped from her by the ineptitude which led to the leukaemia victim, her sister, belittling her fears as "aches and pains", and throwing doubt on her sanity, while her brother-in-law mused aloud about whether a large bribe would change her mind. Their expressed harshness is understandable, because a diagnosis as serious as leukaemia throws whole families into a warlike survival mode in which they would dare or endure anything. This can make them very angry with anybody less burningly committed. Usually their target is the hospital which seems to be withholding expensive treatment, or the cautious doctor who won't put patients in for an untried drug. In the Blackpool case, the target was a scared sister, and it seems that there are few NHS systems or instincts to defuse such conflict. Why else did it take a press splash for the poor woman to be informed that she could

give the stuff at home?

Hospital-phobia and operationphobia are real enough. There are mothers who ask to die rather than undergo Caesareans, women who adopt children rather than endure childbirth, and people who prefer appalling pain to skilful dentistry. The roots of the terror may lie in childhood, in timidity, stupidity, even history. It is not so very long since hospitals were grim and dangerous places. One of my own elderly relatives, drawing on her own parents' Victorian dreads, still besmirches the reputation of this scientific age by pointing to hospitals and intoning

Them as goes in there - they never come out". When I she observed darkly that she had she bought her remembrance poppy: the connection between the carnage of Mons and the

plate-glass façade of the maternity hospital was obvious, to her. These things linger on. If you are afraid of hospitals it may not be reasonable but it is perfectly explicable. Hospital revulsion is just the flip side of the hospital fascination which fuels all those TV dramas.

onation and transplantation give another turn to the screw. It is hard enough to have one of those conditions where you go into hospital feeling healthy and are made to feel ill; even harder to submit to "procedures" when neither the illness nor the cure is your own. Those who do it, for either family or strangers, should be given more credit. But if we are to honour the courage of those who lie down and donate, whether in the small matter of blood or the large matter of kidneys, we have to admit how much self-discipline and counter-intuitive faith it takes, even in

those who are not phobic. This is an unpopular thing to do. A few years ago Coronation Street had a rattling good plot going in which Tracey, the bratty teenage daughter of Deirdre Rashid, took a bad party drug and ended up with total kidney

Letters from a huge portfolio of

authors, artists and others come

with the archive. James Mason, on

whether he would be a reliable godparent; Max Beerbohm apolo-

gising for having mistaken Kaye for a man; Roald Dahl on the fear

of never being asked to sign books

- and many others, including let-

ters from Yehudi Menuhin, Peggy

Asheroft, Laurens van der Post and

After seeing the extensive gra-

phic of Labour's Millbank cam-paign headquarters in this news-

paper yesterday, Alistair Campbell, Blair's press secretary, was on the prowl. They made out I only had one desk," he told anyone

in earshot. "Actually I've got two

desks." Hence his new epithet:

KING HUSSEIN of Jordan's un-

"Two-desks" Campbell.

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Laurie Lee.

failure. By soap-operatic chance, the only possible donor was her mother's new husband, a nice Moroccan boy called Samir to whom Tracey had been consistently foul. It was leaked in advance that Samir would agree to give a kidney, and would die in the process, with pleasingly dramatic effects on the relationship between widowed mother and cured daughter.

There was discreet uproar: donor organisations and the medical profession protested that this was unlikely, and that such a plot would set their cause back years. The milder proposal that Samir die of "a rare allergy to the anaesthetic" was found equally deplorable, so the programme nucked off and had him murdered on his way to hospital. The programmemakers do not use the word "pressure" to describe what they experienced, but pressure is all around. Medical science presses us to ventions which even a few decades

ago would have been terrifying to

contemplate. We are taught to have our children's teeth straightened (even, sometimes, jaws reset) for purely aesthetic reasons; to make light of the cutting and pinning of cosmetic surgery, and to consider Caesarean birth as an "option" rather than a last resort. One American clinic famously advertised it as a way "to keep your tubes honeymoon fresh". We are told about women who donate ova as if they were handing over Danish pastries, not undergoing powerful hormonal treatment and invasive surgery. The other day our local news told us of a woman who found an egg donor by putting an advertisement in the

newsagent's window. Thus yesterday's unthinkable becomes today's orthodoxy: so when a young woman so phobic about hospitals that she can't even visit one feels unable to spend two days there and have a tube put in her bone, she is held up to national contumely as the woman who "signed her sister's death-warrant". Unnatural, unfair. Re-reading this, I see that I shall be vilified for encouraging stupid fears. Never mind. It is not healthy to let any fear stalk about in disguise ashamed to speak its name. You have to see the enemy to fight it, and we may as well. After all, the one sure thing is that before long someone will find a new bit of us that can help the sick. The finger points. It could be a bit of you.

Politics as an end in itself

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Roger Scruton on a new ruling class

of Labour activists

ew Labour came into being because old Labour was feared. You don't win elections by frightening people. Labour's manifesto should be read as a sequence of recantations, each designed to allay one of the anxieties which cost Neil Kinnock the last election. And there is something admirable in the way that Tony Blair has made this via negativa into a shining promise. But the Labour leadership should be sharply distinguished from the Par-liamentary Labour Party. It is the tenor and composition of the party that causes me to think that Labour is still the greater of the evils between which we must shortly choose.

I adhere to an old-fashioned, some would say superannuated, Tory vi-sion. My ideal government is one without ideals, a cheerful but disenchanted government which respects people's independence and assumes that they bear ultimate responsibility for their lives. Politics, to my think ing, ought not to be organised around a social programme, or any pro-gramme not implicit in the idea of government itself. Politics exists in order that the competing interests of the people can be brokered and resolved. Its purpose is neither busi-ness nor social engineering, but the maintenance of social equilibrium and the defence of the realm.

Members of Parliament should not begin their careers in politics, but should come to politics from some other walk of life, and in a spirit of exasperation. They should regard legislation as a painstaking proce-dure, and a solution of last resort to conflicts that ought if possible to be settled by other means. The greatest defects in a Member of Parliament are therefore not those which capture the attention of the tabloids: the human weaknesses which they share with the rest of us and which, when all is said and done, make them into our fit representatives. Their greatest defects are the two which arise from professional politics itself: meddlesomeness and hall-education

My ideal party is not fired by the ambition to reform institutions, but by a desire to conserve them, while recognising, with Edmund Burke, the need to "reform in order to conserve". It does not tinker with things long established and rarely always easier to destroy than to create. It contains educated people but erects barriers against the halfeducated - those hyperactive intellects who know enough to ask questions but not enough to understand that the real questions are unanswerable. It is suspicious of nothing so much as the political process itself, and seeks to confine politics to the areas where wise decisions can be taken in no other way - issues of law and order, defence and the national interest. It believes in a strong State, but a State above politics, guardian of civil society against external and internal threat. It is founded on the belief that society renews itself from below, from the enterprise and goodwill of its members, and not from above, by transferring income from the prudent and the diligent to those least likely to invest it.

udged by that venerable ideal,

new Labour remains seriously defective. Its parliamentary intake abounds in the meddlesome and the half-educated: people for whom discontent and agitation have been a way of life, who have made their careers in politics and whose greatest successes have involved the coercing of others. It remains the natural friend of bureaucracies, and its more vociferous members remain committed to using schools as instruments of social engineering, rather than making them reservoirs of knowledge. It has no rooted objection to legislation imposed on us by the European Union, and little appreciation of the fact that our national sovereignty is bound up with the workings of the common law, and is inherently threatened by the Napoleonic juris diction that prevails in Europe. Its proposals for constitutional reform are a means to create jobs for the political professionals, while the removal of voting rights from peers who are not political appointees will finally extinguish the voice of the amateur in the legislative process.

New Labour seems happy with the worst of the Tories' innovations — including the National Curriculum and the National Lottery. If it rises above the philistinism of the managerial Conservative, this is only because it remains suspicious of business, being composed of people who have enjoyed a free ride on the back of the State. Like managerial Tories, it sees loyal-ty as a purchasable commodity rather than an inherited duty, and the sublime conception of the Crown as the living symbol of our unity means

little or nothing to its members. None of this is to doubt the good faith of new Labour or its leaders. But the party speaks for the class that is governing everywhere in Europe: the class of political professionals whose function is to mediate between transnational and local bureaucracies, and which justifies its existence through constant legislation and irrational reforms. I am persuaded that the Tory party, for all its faults, remains our best hope that this class will not

Mills wrote that Sharif asked "if I would be interested in buying for America an antiquity now in the hands of his Bedouin friends, which from his description could not be anything but another Dead Sea Scroll."

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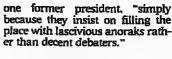
DEEPLY in debt and now panick-ing, the Oxford Union Society is paying the price for years of mismanagement by undergraduates and naked publicity seeking. Reports have the Union's debts reaching as high as £80,000.

"We're a student society and occasionally things may happen that are of a regrettable nature," says Oliver Evans, the current president. "This happens in all societies." Not all societies, however, accede to a demand from Diego Maradona, the Argentine foot-baller, to be flown to Britain with family and retinue on Concorde, as the Union did in 1995.

The cash crashdown was due to the Union being run by inexperienced 19 and 20-year-olds, insisting it prided itself on being run by students and that expert help was always at hand," says Evans. "The exact amount of the debt is a

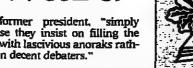
matter for a standing committee." A series of publicity japes, such as inviting O.J. Simpson and Page Three girls to speak, has dragged the Union dangerously into Max

Clifford territory.
They are unlikely to get anything like the £1 million the Union got from Mitsubishi in 1988," says



 My prize for the most deconstructed political comment of the general election goes to a man par-Street, the heart of David Mellor's constituency, pushing a wheelbarrow. In it is a large plastic toe.

"But these sprouts taste



ading up and down Putney High



just like sprouts"



Around his neck hangs a sign: "Mellor Sucks".

Liver boys WHILE his correspondents were traipsing after politicians at the weekend, John Birt, the Director-General of the BBC, was going

back to his Liverpool roots on a trip to Paul McCartney's former home. The mid-terrace former council house in Forthlin Road was bought by the National Trust after Birt - a Beatles nut and Cavern Club regular - discovered that it was for sale two years ago and tipped them off. On Saturday, he achieved a life-long ambition when he set foot in

the small dishevelled room where John, Paul and George first played together to the fury of the neighbours. Birt, who once stood in as the bouncer in a Beatles gig, is ad-

vising on the imminent restoration of the house, and is drawing heavily for his information on his Scouser friend Sir Paul McCartney.

Huftin' and

LITERARY sorts are fluttering with excitement about the sale next month of one of the most important post-war archives from the world of children's publishing. All the books and author correspondence of Kaye Webb, the longstanding Puffin Books editor and formidable creator of the Puffin Club, are to be auctioned by Sotheby's.



cle once tried to set up the illegal sale of the most important of the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Temple Scroll, to the American government. According to recently declassified Foreign Office documents, the late Sharif Nasser, a man said to have had a finger in every felafel in the Middle East, approached the US Ambassador in Amman, Sheldon Mills, with his dodgy deal.



Mills felt it his duty to report Nasser's treachery to his nephew the King, but did so in the most diplomatic terms. The British Ambassador was blunter in his report to London, saying Sharif was a habitual and well-known scroll-

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DEMOCRACY'S DOUBLE

Why good Unionists should vote for Hendron and Forsyth

Elections are often exercises in habit. Two very different events yesterday provided good reason for certain voters to climb out of their traditional trenches and vote for two very different MPs. The Times throughout this election has singled out candidates who face difficult futures but deserve bright ones and that is particularly true of two politicians fighting far away from the metropolitan spotlight

The disruption and inconvenience experienced across the metropolis yesterday will have been an uncomfortable reminder for many of the price to be paid for democracy. Difficult as it is to maintain a sense of perspective when the horizon is obscured by a motionless convoy, it is worth remembering that the alternative, capitulation to violence, is unthinkable. It is poor consolation, but a necessary corrective to also bear in mind that the difficulties endured in the Home Counties yesterday are experienced in Ulster on all too many days.

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Northern Ireland has had to learn to live with the arbitrary terror of the IRA over the last 25 years. In spite of provocation, and blackmail, the overwhelming majority of the Province's people have taken the biggest of all risks for peace and consistently supported politicians who refuse to compromise their commitment to democracy. There are signs, however, that some nationalist voters who have always supported the Social Democratic and Labour Party in its implacable opposition to coercion may be tempted to support Sinn Fein at this election. Voters should not be tempted to give the republicans the benefit of the doubt. There is no doubt. As the Taoiseach, John Bruton, explained unambiguously, a vote for Sinn Fein is a vote for violence.

Sinn Fein hopes to secure three seats, West Belfast, West Tyrone and Mid-Ulster. In Mid-Ulster and West Tyrone it is simply sufficient for voters to shun Sinn Fein. The situation is very different, however, in West Belfast. The UUP have put up a candidate on the quite honourable basis that every citizen of Ulster should have a right to vote for the Union. Yet, if the unionist community of West Belfast vote for the UUP they may find that democracy and the Union are the losers. A victory for Gerry Adams would provide a platform, and a veneer of legitimacy, for the apologist-in-chief for a campaign of murder.

Unionists should be prepared to show solidarity in West Belfast with their nationalist neighbours who have bravely resisted republican intimidation and still support the SDLP. It will take courage to cast votes for a party whose ultimate aim is Irish unity. The SDLP candidate in West Belfast, Dr Joe Hendron, has however always elevated the process, democracy, above any policy. A courageous constituency member who has acted as a check on those elements in his own party inclined to overlook the real nature of republicanism richly deserves reelection. If the nationalists and unionists of West Belfast can agree to unite behind him and reject republicanism then they can set an example for the rest of the Province.

There is one other constituency in Britain where the stakes are less high but voters should, nevertheless, consider setting aside other loyaities and uniting behind one MP in the interests of the Union and democracy. Lady Thatcher's visit to Stirling yesterday drew the attention of the UK media to the Scottish Secretary Michael Forsyth. Although it was his adherence to the Lady which earned him early notoriety, Mr Forsyth has proved himself the most imaginative Scottish Secretary since Tom Johnston in the Forties. Were he to lose, the nation's future would be debated without one of its most intellectually impressive Unionist voices. His presence will be needed in the next Parliament more than ever if Labour introduce their flawed devolution scheme; he can help to ensure that it does not become a springboard to separation. Those many Labour voters in Stirling who do not want to see the unity of the kingdom endangered should vote for Mr Forysth as insurance. Although he and Mr Hendron are, in every respect, many miles apart they deserve to be sitting together in the next House of Commons.

ESCAPE FORWARDS

Netanyahu needs to recapture the political initiative

On scandal but seen his political authority severely weakened. The Attorney-General's office decided that; although the conduct of those concerned had been dubious, it would prove impossible to separate the criminal and political aspects of the affair. The conclusion, rightly reached, was that the Prime Minister should not be indicted, and in effect ejected, in such circumstances.

Mr Netanyahu survives but the condition of his coalition is far from healthy. His internal rivals within Likud itself may now leave the Government. The backing of both the Yisrael Baaliya party and The Third Way party has been severely tested. For the moment, it appears that they will stick with the Prime Minister but Mr Netanyahu cannot be sure of their long-term loyalty. Ironically, the Shas movement, whose leader, Aryen Deri, triggered this sorry tale, has been left holding the balance of power.

All of his coalition partners will demand a high price for their continued participation. Mr Netanyahu has already conceded that future appointments to senior civil service posts will be determined by a committee of ministers rather than remain the preserve of the Prime Minister. This represents the first step in the erosion of the presidential style that Mr Netanyahu had introduced after his election victory last May. Despite the personal mandate that this contest provided, he will have to behave in the more collegial manner of his predecessors.

The real cost, however, may be in Mr Netanyahu's relations with the Labour Party. In recent weeks the Prime Minister

What has been described as Israel's "Water- has publicly played with the option of a gate" now appears more akin to the Iran-national unity administration. It is doubtful Contra drama. Binyamin Netanyahu has whether he really sought such a settlement Labour leader. Nevertheless, the threat to his troublesome right-wing allies was clear. The bitter rhetoric of the last week has made an arrangement with the opposition impossible. That self-evident fact further strengthens the stranglehold of small factions such as Shas. Ehud Barak, the favourite to succeed Mr Peres this summer, may be the

final beneficiary of the Bar-On debacle. Mr Netanyahu now faces a very significant dilemma. He must seize the political initiative and place this scandal behind him. The most obvious means is by reactivating the stalled peace process. While in Washington he outlined his plans for an "escape forwards" from the present impasse. That would involve an immediate move towards final status discussions with the Palestinians. This remains his best prospect for asserting command over events. But neither Yassir Arafat nor President Clinton will endorse such an approach unless the Prime Minister outlines some sense of the concessions he might offer. That will be much more difficult in his new domestic situation.

Despite that, the Prime Minister should escape forwards. The Labour Party will be occupied by internal issues over the next few months. It cannot credibly criticise peace overtures. Coalition members may prove extremely awkward. It is unlikely, however, that Shas would welcome an early encounter with the electorate. Mr Netanyahu first won office as the candidate who stood for peace with security. If he can deliver that combination then his moral standing and political status could be recaptured.

EAT UP YOUR CHOCOLATES

Cordon noir cookery could encourage the taste for cordon bleu

Since carrot cake is now judged more nutritionally correct than conventionally "naughty but nice" cakes, there should be no dietary reason for gagging at chocolate-flavoured baby carrots. But the tastebuds have oxymorons just as the language has. At first gulp the notion of sweetcorn flavoured with peanut butter takes courage to swallow.

The giant frozen-food firm that is introducing these camouflaged foods hopes to persuade children to eat more vegetables. This might reduce some forms of cancer. It could also help parents over one of the little battlefields of childhood. Since frozen peas already do not taste like fresh peas, no natural authenticity is lost by making them taste of baked beans. In any case, baked beans taste of tomato ketchup, not of any recognisable garden bean. Potato crisps are already popular in artificial flavours that retain not the faintest whisper of potato.

Food purists may grumble that all that young mothers today have learnt how to do is to defrost frozen food: "Why can they not learn to open tins as their mothers used to do?" But cooking has always been a form of subterfuge and persuasion. What were garlic and vinegar, pepper and sugar invented for other than to disguise the natural tastelessness of raw foods such as snails, squid and the flaccid lettuce? Even for many quar and and

who are no longer children, the best way to serve broccoli is still to somebody else.

This struggle to persuade children to eat up their greens has been going on down the ages, ever since starvation ceased to be endemic in the western world. Eating or refusing to eat is one of the child's first declarations of independence and first acts of blackmail. Chocolate carrots are only the latest course in an ancient à la carte menu. They are just the latest device to encourage the infant palate to form its own tastes.

Modern marketing has multiplied the choices ten thousandfold from the old nursery bread-and-milk slops, recycled mince and overcooked cabbage. Strawberries and other old seasonal treats are now available all the year round. And not many children of this modern frozen-food cornucopia believe that fish are caught with oblong fingers, or that a chicken is multi-footed and comes naturally frozen with 16 drumsticks and a sack of Kiev sauce.

Provided they do not drive out carrotflavoured carrots, chocolate carrots are an interesting addition to the huge choice now available in western supermarkets. And they may tempt the childish tooth on to more grown-up mixed eating such as lobster thermidor, paella, Bombay duck and Welsh rabbit. These will also be more expensive.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Plea to preserve British fish quotas

From Captain Jim Portus

Sir, Before your readers condemn British fishermen for selling British fish quotas (leading article, April 15; letters. April 17) they should know the full facts.

There are 160 Anglo-Spanish and Anglo-Dutch vessels taking £100 million of fish each year for the benefit of the fishing communities in Spain and Holland.

There are 10,000 British fishing vessels taking £550 million of fish each year for the benefit of our fishing communities, In other words, the foreign vessels are huge and ultra-efficient and can exhaust the fish quota much more rapidly, so elbowing out the smaller vessels.

Ninety of their vessels were given their licences to fish by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) and were not bought from British fishermen. Most of the re-mainder bought licences from the owners of small inefficient vessels and were allowed by MAFF to transfer them to the much larger vessels. Those British fishermen who remain complain that MAFF allowed this to happen.

The problem can only be dealt with by changing the Treaty of Rome by means of a protocol at the intergovernmental conference in June, as proposed by John Major's administration (report, April 15).

When the quota-hopper fleet of 160 vessels (2 per cent by number but 26 per cent by tonnage) is eliminated from the UK register the British fish quotas will be reserved for the communities for whom they were intended. Until then not one more British boat should be broken up nor one more British fisherman's job lost in the name of the common fisheries policy.

Yours faithfully, JIM PORTUS (Chief Executive, South Western Fish Producer Organisation), Home Orchard. Honeywell Lane, Ilsington, Devon.

Cash for Eurosceptics

From Mr Paul Sykes Sir. There is no truth in the suggestion

that my offer to help fund the election expenses of Conservative parliamentary candidates is being "masterminded" from the offices of the Conservative 2000 Foundation (report, April 181.

I have, for many years, supported the campaigns of Conservative candidates in the Yorkshire area. It was my decision to extend this support on a nationwide basis. In doing so I was responding to the national debate on Britain's relations with Europe and the need to make a principled stand on the single currency - a project which I view as damaging to the prosperity, stability and independence of our country.

The response has been overwhelming. We now know that the only way to stop Britain being entangled in the coils of this dangerous scheme is by voting Conservative on May 1.

Readers of your report could draw the further inference that my offer is in some way related to the issue of the leadership of the Conservative Party. This is entirely false. Indeed, I regard all such speculation as harmful to the Conservative Party. I believe that we can and will win under John Major on

That is what I am fighting for. That is what the 232 candidates whom I have helped are fighting for. That is the way to keep the pound and defend our country.

Yours faithfully. PAUL SYKES, 2 The Esplanade. Harrogate, North Yorkshire. April 21.

Just fancy that

From Miss Susan E. Jones

Sir, I wouldn't dream of suggesting that Mr Arthur Bell's Major is wonderful, new Labour ghastly" diatribe (letter, April 14) was anything but a totally objective account. Readers might, however, be interested to know that the address of the publication from which he writes, the Small Business News, is also that of the Surrey Heath Conservative Association's Windlesham HQ.

Yours faithfully, SUSAN E. JONES (Labour Parliamentary Candidate for Surrey Heath), 4 Cairn Close, Camberley, Surrey. April 15.

London bomb alerts

From Mr G. S. J. Lankenau

Sir, Judging from this morning's security alerts, the IRA seems to think that Britain's railways are important; which is more than can be said for the politicians in this election.

No doubt our car-mad society thinks that such interest shows how out of touch the IRA is, since evidently no one else cares what happens to the railways either.

Yours sincerely, G. LANKENAU, Minaton Number Two. Rhos-y-Gwaliau, Bala, Gwynedd.

Prince's choice on conference centre

From Mr Alan Beckett, FRICS

Sir, I was pleased to read that the Orchard Room, the conference centre commissioned by the Prince of Wales for his Highgrove estate (report and picture, April 16), has been designed by a fellow chartered building surveyor, who was recommended by one of the Prince's advisers.

For too long the title "architect" has been protected. Mr Charles Morris and I, with many other chartered building surveyors, have tried to explain to clients that we also practise as designers of buildings, although we are not allowed to call ourselves architects. Perhaps now others will follow

the Prince's lead. The two most important questions are, does the new design satisfy all the client's requirements, and does the building work? I think the answers to both questions would be an emphatic yes. Architects are not the only professionals who can appreciate or produce good design; many of the great designers have been surveyors, Wren for

Perhaps now we can look forward to the demise of the Architects Registration Council and the removal of legal protection from the title "architect".

Yours sincerely, A. BECKETT Director, Building Consultancy Division), Waters & Co, 25 Queen Arme Street, WI.

Licensing law

for Real Ale and others

Sir, The time has come for a new liquor licensing Act. The current legislation has been amended over more than three decades, but its defects are increasingly apparent.

The Act looks back to the First World War and fear of drunken munitions millennium. There is a patronising be trusted to make their own de-

confusion and overlap between different functions and bodies.

Everyone accepts the n safeguards for the public, but the current legislation does not approach this in a logical way. It is neither efficient nor effective in what it should be seeking to do. The police and

Crime and punishment

Sir, Mr Fred Wachsberger asks (let-

ter, April 15) whether it would not be

"far simpler, proportional, fairer and

automatically index linked" to fine

miscreants one or two weeks'/months'

Such a scheme has worked very

successfully in Scandinavia for over

50 years. It was even tried in England

and Wales - for about six months be-

There were some understandable

teething troubles which could and

would have been put right on appeal.

There was a scornful campaign in the

press in which, I am sorry to recount,

The Times was very much in the van.

There was a petition by the Magis-

income etc. Of course it would.

From Mr J. A. Davis

Yours faithfully, J. A. DAVIS (Justices' Clerk, 54 Woodlands Road,

From Mr Julian Calderara

tween October 1992 and May 1993. that sentencing guidelines are too complicated and should be related to, But it did not survive the English middle-class conviction that it is say, weekly income. wrong to fine people more just be-cause they are rich — I heard a judge condemn the scheme in just those

are likely to be penalised more than those who spend all their income. Yours faithfully,

Drought measures

From Mr J. A. Meacham

Sir. You quote Mr Ray Tennant, chairman of the Water Companies Association, as saying that if the drought persists all the private water companies in a region are planning to inflict various bans and other restrictions on their customers, including some for whom adequate supplies may exist, in order to try to avoid criticism of any individual water company. "It should stop people picking us off one by one," was his telling phrase (report, April 15; see also letters, April 9, 17).

The cynicism of this policy would

Babies' sign language From Ms Sue Unger

Sir, The article "The babies who speak in sign" (April 15; see also letter, April 19), detailing research by two American psychologists, did not surprise the British Deaf Association.

For over 100 years we have been trying to convince the education world to change their restrictive practices and allow deaf babies to sign, and that this would not inhibit their going on to learn speech skills.

This independent research has confirmed that use of signs by hearing children before their speech develops actually speeds up the process of spoken-language learning and stimulates intellectual and cognitive development

Yours sincerely, SUE UNGER (Education strategist), British Deaf Association. 1 Worship Street, EC2.

From Squadron Leader W. H. C. Hoare, RAF Sir. Your report on the architectural

establishment's reaction to the design selected by the Prince of Wales confirms my view that many members of the profession are more concerned about designing buildings which attract attention and satisfy their egos than those which are in harmony with

their environment and are amactive

to those who live or work in them. The Prince has shown a typical disregard of these self-opinionated connoisseurs by commissioning a building which fits into its surroundings, in spite of the predictable denigration. find the analogy between Tesco stores and Wimpey homes with "Arts and Crafts" buildings ironic. Whilst the former no doubt try to ape the appearance of traditional buildings, I suspect that the Orchard Room will be built using traditional materials and techniques to a quality which is not apparent in the stores and modern commercially-built houses on devel-

opments around the country. There is clearly a place for welldesigned modern; however, designers should be encouraged to create buildings which blend into their settings and are built to a high standard with the attention to detail which will result in lasting monuments.

next government, of whatever pol-

Director, British Institute of Innkeeping,

Yours faithfully, C. HOARE, The Gate House Coopersale, Epping, Essex.

itical persuasion, to act.

MARY CURNOCK COOK,

Chief Executive, British Hospitality Association,

SHEILA McKECHNIE, Director, Consumers Association.

Federation of Licensed Victuallers,

BRIGID SIMMONDS,

robin simpson,

Campaign for Real Ale, 230 Hatfield Road,

St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Retailers Association.

April 21.

Business in Sport and Leisure.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN M. CRYNE,

Chairman, Camra,

JEREMY LOGIE,

TONY PAYNE,

Chief Executive.

magistrates support reform. Consumer groups and those who own or run licensed premises urge the

From the Chairman of the Campaign

Licensing fails to address the needs and preferences of today's consumers. workers, rather than forward to a new presumption that consumers cannot

The licensing system is costly and cumbersome to administer. There is

trates' Association, a U-turn by the Home Secretary. And that, Sir, was

Kingston upon Thames, 1981-92), Bookham, Surrey. April 15.

Sir, I agree with Fred Wachsberger

Means testing for setting fines should not, however, take account of savings, otherwise people who save

JULIAN CALDERARA. Ballingdon Cottage, Gaddesden Row, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire. April 15.

The very idea that customers might

be inconvenienced unnecessarily,

merely as a public-relations exercise

to tamp down criticism, is the stron-

gest argument I have yet heard for the

next government to renationalise the

water companies as soon as possible

and constitute them as public utilities

instead of private monopolies.

The Pillared Cottage, Witham on the Hill, Lincolnshire.

since privatisation.

Yours sincerely.

J. A. MEACHAM,

defy belief had it not been for the demonstrated greedy and self-serving performance of the water companies

Romantic notions From Professor Alec Eden

April 17.

Sir, It was with great interest that I read in your report on romance in French relationships (April 17; and letter, April 19) that "29 per cent of French women are put off by men who carefully fold their clothes before

slipping between the sheets". Now I have an explanation for my harmonious and loving marriage of almost 35 years.

Yours faithfully, ALEC EDEN. The Thatched House, Mead Road, Torquay, Devon.

Letters that are intended for publication should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -

Scientists test the efficacy of prayer

From Professor P. G. Rivière

Sir. The trustees of the John Templeton Foundation are not the first to try and test the power of prayer (report, "Let us pray, in the interests of sci-

In 1872, Sir Francis Galton published "Statistical inquiries into the efficacy of prayer" (The Fortnightly Review, vol 12) and even proposed that one method of investigation would be to study "the effect of prayers for the restoration of health". He suggested that those suffering from certain read-ily identifiable complaints (fractures and amputations) might be divided into two groups, on the basis of their attitudes to prayer and being prayed for, and the consequences of that div-

ision monitored. His own study looked at the effects on longevity of being prayed for, as-suming, for example, that sovereigns tended to be prayed for more than anyone else and thus should live longer. His sample of sovereigns, from which those who met violent or accidental death were excluded, had the shortest lifespan of all those in public life, despite the multitude of prayers said for them. Galton wondered but doubted whether "conditions of royal life may naturally be yet more fatal" or, in other words, whether without the prayers they would have died even younger. Nor did he fail to consider the morale-raising possibilities of prayer and the psychological implica-tions this might have for someone's

wellbeing. The one thing he seemed to have overlooked was any interference in the experiment by God.

Your faithfully, P. G. RIVIERE, Linacre College, Oxford. April 15.

Gay 'marriages'

From the Archdeacon of Southwark Sir, Archbishops of Canterbury (like Popes) should be ignored when they talk about sex ("Carey rules out Church blessing for gay 'marriages' " April 16). Why should homosexua priests be celibate when heterosexual priests like the Archbishop and myself are not? Could the Archbishop have remained celibate if he were refused the option of marriage?

I could not and would not, therefore, enforce celibacy on anyone.

Yours sincerely, DOUGLAS BARTLES-SMITH, The Diocese of Southwark, la Dog Kennel Hill, SE22.

Church welcome

From Mrs Jane S. Haworth

Sir, The Archbishop of Canterbury wants the Church of England to be inclusive and welcoming (report, April 14). One way in which this could be achieved would be to reverse the trend for Communion services to take the "prime mid-morning slot" on Sundays.

Communion is inherently an exclusive event, as only confirmed members of the Church can participate fully in it. Matins (which always used to occupy that slot) on the other hand is totally inclusive and, further, does not carry with it the terrors of not knowing the accepted way of approaching the altar rail in a strange parish; an activity fraught with social pitfalls.

If the Church of England wishes to remain the Established Church and enjoy the protections and privileges of state patronage it must, like the National Health Service, be totally accessible to all.

Yours faithfully, JANE S. HAWORTH, 37 Portsmouth Avenue. Thames Ditton, Surrey. April 15.

Wedding hymns

From Lieutenant-Colonel C. R. Parrish (retd)

Sir, I cannot understand why the Church of England should be so concerned about the fall in the numbers of church marriages (re-ports, April 19). Having observed many weddings in our parish church from my seat in the choir, I hardly ever recognise a regular churchgoer among the wedding party or the congregation. I can only conclude that they are generally there for the setting rather than the religious content.

While this is a matter of great regret to me, if in future they prefer to be married in a field at least my Saturday afternoons will be free from having to sing All Things Bright and Beautiful and Jerusalem.

Yours faithfully. CHRIS PARRISH, l High Street, Cricklade, Wiltshire. Aprīl 19.

Victory anthem?

From Mr Michael Beckett

Sir, I see that Westminster Abbey is singing Blair in B minor for Evensong on Saturday, May 3. Do they already know something we don't?

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL BECKETT. 12 Wigmore Street, W1. April 19.



COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE April 21: Today is the Seventy First Anniversary of the Birthday of The

Queen.

Her Majesty was represented by Rear-Admiral Sir Paul Greening (Extra Equerry) at the Funeral of Brigadier Sir Geoffrey Hardy-Roberts (Extra Equerry and former Master of the Household) which was hald in the Central Church of Our held in the Cathedral Church of Our Lady and St Philip Howard, Arundel,

this morning.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Admiral. The Prince of Wales was represented by Major-General Sir Philip Ward.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Leastenant Com-mander Srr Richard Buckley. Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy was represented by the Lady Mary Mumford BUCKINGHAM PALACE

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 21: The Princess Royal. Chancellor. University of London, this
afternom opened the Library and
Learning Resources Centre, Wye
College, Wye, Ashford, and was
received by Her Majesty's LordLieutenant of Kent (the Lord
Kingsdown KG).
Her Royal Highness, President,
RedR - Engineers for Disaster Relief,
this evening attended RedR Patrons

thus evening attended RedR Patrons Dunner at the Institution of Civil Engineers, Great George Stress,

Royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will visit Childwick House, the Racing Welfare Char-ities' home in Newmarket at 3.00. The Princess Royal, as President. Rural Housing Trust, will open an affordable housing scheme at Til-den Court. High Halden, at 9.45am and perform a turf-turning ceremony to begin phase 2 of the Benenden housing scheme in New Pund Road, Benenden, Kent, at 10.15; as President of Patrons. Crime Concern, will attend a business lunch at Marks & Spen cer. 37-67 Baker Street, London Wl. at 12.30; as Chancellor of London University, she will open the Department of General Practice. Group Practice and Primary Care Skills Centre, United Medical and Dental Schools (Guy's and St Thomas 3, Lambeth Walk, at 2.20. The Duchess of Kent, as President of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, will open Meadow House Hospice. West London Health Centre NHS Trust, Uxbridge Road, Southall, at 11.00. Later, as Patron, the Association of Combined Youth Clubs, she will visit a charity shop at 161 Arthur Road. Wimbledon Park. London SW16 at b.30, and attend a reception at Canbury School, Kingston Hill, Kingston upon Thames, at 7.25.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 21: The Duke of Gloucester
visited the site of the new International Airport at Yeongchongdo and afterwards visited Daewoo Mo and anerwards visited Daewoo Mo-tors at Inchon. Later His Royal Highness attended a dinner for British Consultants given by His Excellency Mr Stephen Brown (Her Majesty's Ambassador) and Mrs Brown at the British Embassy, Seoul, Republic of Korea.

YORK HOUSE
April 21: The Duke of Kent, President, the Soout Association, this morning visited the Boy Scouts' Association, Claremont, and later viewed a sports coaching session, Langa Township, Cape Town,
His Royal Highness, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this afternoon met Miss Stella Siscau, Minister for Public Enter-

YORK HOUSE

Signau, Minister for Public Enter-prise of the Republic of South Africa. The Duke of Kent later attended a taunch reception for Britain Means
Business: Cape Town 97, at the Cape
Sun Hotel and this evening amended
a dinner hosted by the South Africa
Britain Trude Association, at the
Table Bay Hotel, Cape Town, South
Africa Africa.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE April 21: Princess Alexandra. accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening attended a Gala Fashion Show in aid of the Holly Lodge Centre, Richmond Park. at Drapers' Hall, London EC2.

Luncheons

Lord Mayor of Westminster The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayorers of Westminster were the hosts at a luncheon held yesterday at City Hall.

Guild of Editors Lord Wakeham, Chairman of the Press Complaints Commission. was the guest of honour at a luncheon given yesterday by the Guild of Editors at Bloomsbury House, Mr Bob Satchwell, Chairman of the Guild's Parliamentary and Legal Committee, was the

Meeting

Royal Over-Sena League Sir David Ford was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House. St James's. Miss Hazel Ellis presided.

Appointment

Mr Tony Abbott to be Governor of Montserrat in succession to Mr Frank Savage who will be moving to a new Diplomatic Service



The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, firing a 41-gun salute in Hyde Park yesterday to mark the Queen's 71st birthday

School announcements

Cheltenham College Mr Paul Chamberlain, BSc, the Headmaster of St Bees School,

Cumbria, has been appointed to succeed Mr Peter Wilkes as Headmaster of Cheltenham College. Term began yesterday at Cheltenham and ends on Saturday, July 5. Edward Dallas (Leconfield) continues as Senior College Prefect. James Koch is Captain of Cricket, and Ben Burch is Captain of Boots. The Common Room will be performing The Comedy of Errors in Big Classical on May 8-10 at 7.30pm, and the second Lower Sixth play Whodunnit will be performed in the Studio Theatre on May 15-17 at 7.30pm. Speech Day is on Saturday, May 24, and the guest speaker will be General Sir Michael Rose. A recital by the Northern College of Music, spon-sored by Cheltenham College and the Cheltenham Ladles' College, as part of the Cheltenham Festival of Music, is on Sunday, July 6.

Term starts today and ends on July 3. Speech Day is on May 24, when the Right Hon Sir Martin Nourse. will present the Prizes. The Old Kimboltonians' Day is June 21 and the Annual Ball will be held in the Castle, The Merchant of Venice will be staged on June 26, 27 and 28. The Summer Concert will take place on June 30.

Latymer Upper School, W6 The Summer Term commenced today at Latymer Upper School, and ends on July 3. James Parsons is Captain of Boats, and Vishal

XI match against the MCC is on Wednesday, May 14. The Latymer Choral Society perform at St Paul's Church, Hammersmith, on April 30; and the Lower School production The Government Inspector is on May 21-23. Old boys who have not recently been in contact are invited to contact the OL Office at school. Details on Admissions procedures are available from the egistrar, on 0181 741 1851. The provides quality education.

Maivern College Malvern College has made the following 13+ Entrance Scholarfollowing 13+ Entrance Scholarship Awards for September 1997:
Academic Scholarships: James Bath. The Downs, Wrazaii (Porch Scholarships: James Bath. The Downs, Wrazaii (Porch Scholarships: Emma Blayney, Winchester House, Brackley: Mikhali Fotanov, Rachel Newton and James Strawbridge, Malvern College Junior School, Hillistone, Chioe Grant, Priars, Bangor, Henry Hardingham, Beaudeser Park, Minchinhampton; Simon Hunter, Si Hugh's, Paringdon; Simon Johnson, Abberley Hall, Worss; Sarah Wooding, The Downs, Colwali, Academic Exhibitions: Imogen Byers and Jaideep Shah, Hillsmore; Alexander Ford and Rogan O'Herilhy, Beaudesen Park Michael Criffiths, Cathedral School, Llandaft, Charlone Marsden, Si Anselm's, Bakewelj, Maske Scholarships: Stephen Hill.

Music Exhibition: Henry Hardingham, Seaudesert Park.
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St George's School Windson Castle

Term begins today, Tomorrow being St George's Day The Queen will visit the school and open the new wing accommodating the Pre-Preparatory Department and six new classrooms for the main school. On Friday. April 25, a concert and banquet will be held in aid of the two million pounds development appeal at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich at which Princess Margaret will be ruest of honour. On Sunday, June 15, the school will host the Lord's verners Cricket Match between the President's Xi and the Twelfth Man's XI. The school play will be The Ballad of Salomon Pavey with the gala performance on Parents' Day, Sunday, June 29. Old Boys' Day will be on Saturday, July 5, and term will end on Friday, July

Whitgift
Trinity Term began on April 16.
Joanna Lumley narrates in The
Emperor and the Bird of Paradise at the Alan Ridout Memorial Concert on April 21 at St John's James Bowman, the London Mozart Players (Whitgift Associate
Musicians) and Whitgift Choristers. Juggling Friends present The
Miser on April 29 and David
Juritz, leader of the London Mozart Players, conducts a String Masterclass on May 6. The school's Arts and Project Week commitmes on June 30.

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The Right Rev Lord Habgood has been elected to the Bampton

Marriage

Mr D.C. Rind and Mrs S. Hammond The marriage took place in Chesterfield, on Thursday, April 17, 1997, of David Bird and Sandra

Birthdays today

Mr Leo Abse, former MP, 80; Sir Michael Atiyah, OM, FRS, former president, Royal Society, 68: Sir Christopher Ball, former Warden. College, Oxford, 72: Mr Lewis Biggs, curator, Tate Gallery, Liverpool, 45: Mr Alan Bond. company chairman and yachts-man, 59: Mr Peter Bowring, former chairman, C.T. Bowring, 74: Mile Yvene Chauvire, ballerina assoluta, 90; Sir John Chilcot, civil servant. 58: Mr George Cole. actor. 72: Mr Alan Dukes, former president. Fine Gael, 52; Major-General Sir John Foley, 58; Mr Peter Goldstein, joint founder, Superdrug. 57: Mr Lloyd Honeyghan. hoxer. 37: Mr Ronald Hynd. choreographer. 66: Mr Archy Kirkwood. 51: Mr Nico Ladenis. restaurateur. 63: Mr Geoffrey Marshall, Provost, The Oueen's College. Oxford. 68: Lord hin. OM. SI: Mr Jack Nicholson actor, director and producer, 60: the Earl of Oxford and Asquith, Si; Miss Margaret Pereira, forensic scientist, 69: Viscount Portman, 63: Sir David Ratford, former dip-Iomat, 63: Miss Janeis Robinson, Professor Sir Eric Scowen, phy-sician, 87: Mr C.H. Sisson, CH. writer and poet, 83; Mr David Summerscale, Head Master, Westminster School, 60; Sir Robert Wade-Gery, diplomat, 68.

Anniversaries

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The engagement is announced between Adam, son of Mrs Allan M. Kerr and the late Mr Richard Crosthwaite, of North Yorkshire. and Meg, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Kei Kuhota, of Tokyo.

Mr J.D.S. Dare

The engagement is announced between Jocelyn, son of Mr and Mrs Barry Dare, of Blockley. Gloucestershire, and Victoria. eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugo Curtis, of Richmond,

Or J.C. Feneley and Miss L.B. Parker-Swift

The engagement is announced between Julian, younger son of Mr and Mrs Roger C.L. Feneley, of Clifton, Bristol, and Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Parker-Swift, of Thurlestone,

Mr C.C.V. Kaye and Miss A.J. Chalmers

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Colonel and Mrs Colin Kaye, of Bosham, West Sussex, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roderick Chalmers, of The Peak. Hong Kong.

Mr J.A. Kennedy and Miss A.E. Gliddon

The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Kennedy, of Wimbledon, and Amanda, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Richard Gliddon, of Bristol.

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The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mrs Julie Lawson, of Newport, Shropstore, and Rachel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Charlwood, of St Albans,

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The engagement is announced between Steven son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Paterson, of Prestwick, Ayrshire, and Camilla Birte, daughter of Mr and Mrs Finn Harald Simonsen, of Rotherfield Greys, Oxfordshire,

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EALTRY - On April 19th, to Glies and Nicola (née Turnbull), a son, Oscar Thomas | mother for Fails. April 18th, to Duncan and Jo, a handsome son, Barnahas. 2

DOROVAN - On April 14th at The Portland Ecspital, to Deirdre (née O'Donoghue) and Daniel, a son, Alesdair labri.

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and new-Monor Daisy. M.BORN - On 19th April, to Lucy and Peter, a son, Micholas Patrick, a brother for Leabed.

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Paul, a daughter, Annabel.

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MALDEN - On 17th April, to
Carolina and Robert, a son,
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Sarah, a sister for Tilly and The Portland Hospital, to Ann and Martyn, a son loseph Conce Joseph Conor. AUTOHOUSE - On March 19th

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MITH - On 19th April 1997 at Artington, Virginia, USA, to Janet (née Parrett) and Tobin, a son, Cameron Gunham.

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CROFT - Brian Desmond on Sunday April 20th pencerully at his home in London, with Hortense and his family at his bedside after a brave fight against cancer. Private cremeiton followed by a Mamortal Service at St Goorge's Church, Abbrew Walk, on Friday 25th April at 3 per. Family flowers only. Deserting H stands in the limits Curis Foundation on Imperial Cancer Research c/o 1H. Kenyon, (0171) 927-0757.

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CUMING - Christine (née Bobertson) died peacefully at home on 21st April 1997 aged 69. Beloved wife of Hugh, mother of Brian, France and Abstract Mock loved by faunty and friends. Committee paratic Servician permit Servician Charch, Swanbourne, at 2.30pm on Friday 9th May. CUMBINGHAMS BATT - Michael Dougles Barrie on April 20th

CURPHINGHAM BATT - Michael Douglas Barrie on April 20th peacefully after a short illness aged 75. Seloved husband of Meriya and father of Philip and jonetham. A Service of Thenksgiving to be bald at St Leonard's, Leadam, on Wednesday April 30th at 3.30pm. Enquiries to WH. Shophard F/S (01206) 572305.

SVEDALE - On April 16th at her home, Ethel, widow of Colin and friend of many. Cromestion at Portchester, Hampshire, on Thursday April 24th at 2.16 pm. April 24th at 2.15 pm. EELS - William, at home on April 17th, beloved son, brother, husband, father sad considerates. brother, hosband, father and grandfather.

EVELETGH - Pippa on Wednesday Ageil 16th 1997 very suddenly following a traumatic filmess at Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon, very much loved wife of Simon and devoted and addred mother of human and 50 phile. No flowers but donations to National Astimes Campaign or Tim's Fund. Donations and enquiries to Thomas Pres and Soms (01672) 512110. Service of Thanksgiving 2pm Priday April 25th at Mariborough College Chapel.

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FAWGETT - Norsh Lambert
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GRAHAMS - Major John Petrick Neal of Elilfi, Kewya, on April 17th in England. Seloved father and grandfather. Service of Thankestving Friday April 25th 12 noon at St Bartholomew's Chapel, Goring Reath, everybody walcome afterwards at Little Bowden. No flowers. Donations to Hope and Ecuses for Calldren, East Clyffe, Salisbury, Whits. 572 412.

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HUNT - John Beresford peacefully at home on Priday 18th April aged 62. Much loved Anshand of Pat. Devoted father of Charles and Victoria Founcial Service at 5t Mary Magdalene Church Taunton at 2 pm on Friday 25th April. Family flowers only, denations to The Army Senevolent Fund.

ROWSDES - Marjorie Elimbeth (Retry), widow of Tuhby, of Henfield, West Sussez, peacefully on 18th April 1997 aged 69. Much loved mother of Susan, Elimbeth, Jane, Sarah and the Late homes and grandmother of 12. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at Roly Trinity, Poynings, Sussen, 3 pm Stunday 3od Ray. No flowers, Donations if wished to The Transpurk, Langue of Friends, Chelley Reckings, Newick, Sussex.

JEMBINGS Harry (Commander Em retired). Died peacefully on April 17th eyed 79. Husband of Jean, father and grandfather of Dirmuid, Stephen, Simon and Lucy. Service at Raycombe Crematorium, Sath, on Thursday 24th April at 11.30 am.

JOHNSON - Suddenly at home on 15th April 1997, Lemanth Walterfield PCA aged 84 years. Belowed heatsand of the inte Gadys and father of Arnold. Fenseal Service at United Seformed Church, Bassocka, West Sansez, ot Priday 25th April at 2.15 pm followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but douations payable to Parkinson's Disease Society may be sent to Ca T Radmail Funeral Services, 223 London Enad, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, tal: (01444) 271212.

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Philip Levels, Somerset Light infantry, Nioch level mother of Julian and Lavinia. Private or ematters. Service of Tanakagiving at Decarford Church on Monday April 28th at 230 pm.

LOCKIT - Reghald Stanley, (Est.), aged 90, peacefully at Towalands Hospital, Henley, on Saturday 19th April 1997. Much loved Futher, Grandfather and Widower of Sallis. Pemeral at Shiplabe Church on Priday 25th April at 2 pm.

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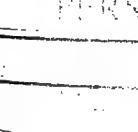
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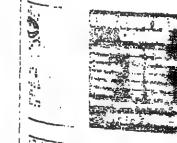
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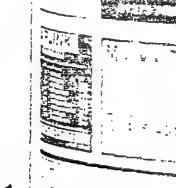
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MARY THOMAS

Mary Thomas, Welsh merzosoprano, died of cancer on April 17 aged 62. She was born on August 2. 1935.

lthough she was a protean artist, who enjuyed several simultaneous careers, Mary Thomas will most immediately be associated with the music of Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, in her role as the long-standing principal soprano of his ensemble. The Fires of London, Her stunning appearance as the screaming red nun in his Revelation and Fall of 1968, riveted audiences and invested both performer and composer with immediate notoriety. Such roles as the ageing, ravaged bride in Maxwell Davies's Miss Donnithorne's Maggot, which received its first airing in Australia six years later, only served to reinforce an impression of raw power.

Born and educated in Swansea, Thomas was already imbued with the qualities of the Welsh vocal tradition by the time she went to study at the Royal Academy of Music in London. Upon completing her training, she embarked on the career of a freelance singer.

Her clear yet lustrous voice responded to widely different musical challenges. She was frequently the soprano soloist in Bach's St Matthew Passion and, as a member of the Deller Consort, gave many international performances of works such as the Monteverdi Vespers. With them, she also recorded the role of Purcell's Dido, of whose nobility and humanity she

was a predestined interpreter. In the same opera, she later took on the role of the Sorceress, in which her striking Celtic beauty and rich mezzo-soprano timbre made an indelible impression.

At the same time, she was active in the world of light music, and was a marvellous jazz singer and planist. In the latter capacity, her idiomatic instinct for jazz style is preserved on a compact disc recording of Maxwell Davies's music for Ken Russell's film of Sandy Wilson's musica) The Boy Friend.

From early on, she was also a committed exponent of contemporary music, in which her security of pitch and accuracy of rhythm were invaluable assets. More importantly, she always sang new scores in a full-blooded manner that conveyed the music behind the notes. She inspired or first performed the works of many living composers, and her insight into the needs of their particular style was

Her vibrant soprano limned the arching curves of Sir Harrison Birtwistle's Entractes and Sappho Fragments, as well as the more concentrated and gnomic unterances of his Cantata on ancient Greek texts. In Michael Finnissy's Mr Punch, she portrayed all of the characters, and the range of different sung and spoken voices which she deployed constituted a vocal tour-de-force which retained its impact even when performed together with a colourful pupper-show.

Numerous singers have shed their individual moonbeams on Pierrot Lunaire, but Mary Thomas's interpretation of Schoenberg's masterpiece is considered by many to be the most inclusive and many-faceted rendering they have ever heard. The work's brilliance, tenderness and grotesquery were made for Thomas, and brought out her enormous histrionic gifts.

She performed it in full commedia dell'arte costume countless times all over the world in a manner that won the plaudits of other distinguished practitio-ners of the role. She made two commercial recordings of it during the Schoenberg centenary year, and her performance is a landmark in the work's history.

In comedy, her abilities were notorious. On one occasion she performed Saties Sports et Divertissementsat at the Royan Festival and held a French audience in the palm of her hand, reducing them to such hysterics that the performance was in nger of not being able to continue.

Above all, there are her innumerable premiere performances of the music of Sir Peter Maxwell Davies. His luminous instrumental sung cycles, including Dark Angels, The Blind Fiddler and Excuse me, were all written for her, and bear the imprint of her focus and intensity. Even more will remember her gallery of comic and tragic portraits in his music-theatre works. The first of these was the Red Nun/Incestuous Sister in Revelation and Fall, in which Thomas's ability to project nightmarish Expressionist world,

forged in her performances of Pierrot

Lunaire, found a new outlet.

This was followed by Miss Donnithorne's Maggot [1974], in which she portrayed the real-life model for Dickens's Miss Haversham. It was a vehicle in which her ability to sustain a fine line between comedy and pain reached new heights. After the work's premiere at the 1974 Adelaide Festival, her name became a household word overnight across Australia and New Zealand.

immediately thereafter, she repeated her triumph in London, and subsequently at many international festivals. She made the same sort of impact when she created the roles of Blind Mary in Davies's chamber-opera The Martyrdom of St Magnus, the Charlady/Rag Lady in his apocalyptic comedy The No 11 Bus; and the protagonist in The Medium, Maxwell Davies's chilling eponymous monodrama. They haunted audiences from the first and have continued to do so.

After retiring from performing, Mary Thomas joined the faculty of her alma mater, the Royal Academy of Music, where the word spread quickly among the students that she was as extraordinary a character as she was a reacher.

If possible, her human qualities outshone even her professional achievements. Magnificently and consistently herself, she made no distinction between peoples' social status, and would speak to a shop assistant or to royalty in the same way. Her warmth of personality irradiated all who came near her. She is survived by her husband, the cellist Edward Holmes. There were no children.



Mary Thomas in Peter Maxwell Davies's Miss Donnithorne's Maggot

BRIGADIER SIR GEOFFREY HARDY-ROBERTS



Brigadier Sir Geoffrey Hardy-Roberts, KCVO. CB, CBE, Master of the Queen's Household, 1967-73, died on April 9 aged 89. He was born on May 16, 1907.

AN ABLE administrator. Geoffrey Hardy-Roberts, achieved considerable success in three different fields: as a soldier, as a hospital administrator and finally as Master of the Queen's Household.

Always immaculately dressed, his eye for detail was legendary. The one thing he would not tolerate was sloppiness; woebetide anyone who was late for a meeting for whatever reason. Hardy-Roberts expected the same high standards from those who worked for him as he demand-

ed of himself. Geoffrey Paul Hardy-Rob-

erts was educated at Eton. which he hated, and at the RMC Sandhurst. Commissioned in 1926 into the 9th Lancers, he served with them until retiring as a captain in 1937. Much of his service was spent in India, where he was able to play polo, the only ball game he liked. Apart from riding, the only other sport he cared for was fishing.

His father was killed in a riding accident in 1909 when Hardy-Roberts was still under two years old and he was brought up by his formidable mother as what is now called "a single parent". Having known this adversity, he resolved, after leaving the Army. to become a social worker. But the outbreak of war brought him back to the Army and this

time his military career fully

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Desert and soon proved himself an outstanding regimental officer. Although captured at Tobruk he managed to escape in the prevailing chaos with his brother. He was promoted brigadier in 1943 and served as General Sir Miles Dempsey's chief-of-staff. He was appointed OBE in 1941, advanced to CBE in 1944 and made CB in 1945. He was also mentioned in dispatches and

given the US Legion of Merit. He stood as Conservative candidate for Wimbledon in the 1945 general election. But his defeat there by a Labour candidate in what had formerbeen a safe Conservative seat convinced him that he was not cut out for the life of politics.

In 1946 he was appointed Secretary-Superintendent of Middlesex Hospital, one of London's major teaching hospitals. The National Health Service was about to be creattask of explaining to appre-hensive staff the implications of the new service and keeping up morale and efficiency, in all of which he was successful.

He proved himself an exceptional administrator and set standards for every department of the hospital. His guiding principle was that everything should be done to allow doctors and nurses to concentrate on their work, free from bureaucracy.

In 1967, at the age of 60, he was delighted to be appointed Master of the Oueen's Household and once again his administrative abilities found full scope. He was responsible for the greater part of the workforce in the Royal Household and did much to ameliorate the then rather primitive living standards of the footmen, porters, chambermaids and cleaners. He also made numerous improvements to the way in which the House-

hold was organised. He retired in 1973, having been created KCVO the previous year, and continuing to serve as an Extra Equerry to

the Queen. All his life Hardy-Roberts lived in Sussex, being appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1960, a Deputy Lieutenant of West Sussex in 1964, and High Sheriff in 1965. He was deputy-chairman of King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, from 1967 to 1981, and took an active part in many other local organisations and charities, particularly in Frittleworth, where he had his home.

In 1945 Hardy-Roberts married Eldred, the widow of Colonel J. R. Macdonell. She predeceased him in 1987. There were no children.

ZDENEK MLYNAR

Zdenek Miyuar, Czech politician, died of cancer on April 15 aged 66. He born in Bohemia on June 22, 1930.

ALTHOUGH he began his political life as a committed member of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, Zdenek Mlynar was to become an outspoken critic of his country's Communist regime, A reformist, he was one of the architects of the 1968 Prague Spring. He went on to take a prominent part in the opposition to Gustav Husak's hardline leadership and was expelled from the Communist Party in 1970. As a young man Mlynar also had the distinction of becoming the first foreign friend of Mikhail Gorbachev and, from the late 1980s, resumed his friendship

Communist Party in the not quite 16. "In those days," he later wrote, "my communist faith was a closed system. which could not be penetrated." He served as a secretary of the Czechoslovak Communist Party youth movement, 1949-50, and between 1950 and 1955 studied in the Law Faculty of Moscow University.

Reagan's National Security Adviser, Robert ("Bud") McFarlane.

successful career as an academic. He took the Czech equivalent of a British PhD and also a higher doctorate and became the author of many books and articles on

politics and constitutional law, dissident Charter 77 in 1977, of In the 1960s his ideas became

out an "optimal political mod-el" for Czechoslovakia. He was the most influential "Action Programme" of the

entomologist in the But during the first half of the 1970s he also remained exwhich Mlynar was a prominent signatory, he was dis-missed from his post at the

He emigrated to Vienna, where he taught political science while keeping up a stream of publications. One of his most revealing books was a volume of perceptive memoirs entitled Nightfrost in Prague: The End of Humane Socialism (1980). He was a regular contributor also to Czech emigre oppositional publications.

After the fall of Communism in Czechoslovakia. Mlynar divided his time between Prague and Vienna, but never succeeded in making a mark on Czech politics comparable to the one he had made as a reformist Communist. He was a member of the Left Bloc which was critical both of the Communists and of the Government but which, while nore leftist than the Socia Democrats, could not compete successfully with the latter.

Mlynar, a tall and handsome man of exceptional intelligence, was one of the best analysts of his own transition from dogmatic Communist through revisionist Communist to Democratic Socialist.

He is survived by his widow, Irena Dubska, a sociologist and by the two children from an earlier marriage to Rita Budinova (later Klimova), the first post-Communist Czech Ambassador to the United States,



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was one of those who helped to pave the way for the radical museum.

with him. Zdenek Mlynar joined the

It was there that Mlynar got to know Mikhail Gorbachev and another fellow-student, Raisa Titorenko (whom Gorbachev married in 1953). They became close friends. In 1967 Mlynar visited the Gorbachevs in Stavropol. where he discussed some of the reforms which he hoped would soon be introduced in Czechoslovakia. After Mlynar's expulsion

from the Communist Party in 1970, he wrote nothing about his friendship with Gorbachev until shortly after the latter became General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party in 1985. Having his good relations with a Czech revisionist made public was not something Gorbachev would have welcomed on his way up the Soviet hierarchy. But, with Gorbachev safely in the Kremlin, Mlynar wrote a revealing article about him for L'Unita. the Italian Communist Party newspaper, which led to an invitation to the White House for a discussion about the new Soviet leader with President

Earlier Mlynar had made a

increasingly reformist and he changes introduced in 1968. He was secretary to the Law Commission of the Central Committee from 1964 to 1968 and in 1966 was appointed head of an interdisciplinary team charged with working

of the authors of the revisionist Communist Party in 1968 and in that year he became, briefly, a full-time politician as a secretary of the Central Committee and from September to November a member of its Praesidium as well in November 1968, however, he resigned from these posts because he believed that conspromise with the Soviet leadership in the wake of the too far. His expulsion from the

less than two years later. Rather than return to academic law and political science in the post-invasion conditions. Mlynar took up his childhood interest in insects and became a profession-

Communist Party followed

National Museum of Prague. tremely active in the ex-Communist wing of the opposition movement in Czechoslovakia. On the appearance of the

THE VICEROY'S MOVE TO SIMLA

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

SIMLA, APRIL 21 Simila formally became the summer seat of the Government of India on Saturday, whe the Viceroy took up residence at Viceregal Lodge following a few days' visit to Peskawar. During his stay on the frontier the Viceroy flew over the Malakand territory, where the Fakir of Alingar and his insurgents have been in conflict with the British authorities. Firsthand reports from the zone of operations indicate that the hostile lashkar (tribal force) has now dispersed, the tribesmen having returned to their respective villages among the hills after a futile attempt to convene a

jirga [tribol council].
The quaint half-English, half-Indian community of Simla is now assuming the characteristics of the capital of India. During the week end members of the Viceroy's Council and many Government officials arrived. They were preceded by great boxes of official paraphernalia, which appeared to move up hill and down dale by their own volition, but which proved to be borne on the backs of sturdy hillmen with a Tibetan cast of features, whose herculean efforts make possible the annual exodus from the plants to this

ON THIS DAY

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It was the year of King George Vs Silver Jubilec. As the Government of India moved to Simla for the sumator, all over the old British Empire the King's reign was celebrated. He was warmly greeted wherever he appeared and it is said that this genuinely surprised that modest old

remote and Swiss-like harnlet, rimmed in by snow-capped mountains. Rickshaws convey officials from the narrow-gauge railway in the valley to the upper ridges of Simla town, depositing them before chalet-like homes, the names of which have remained unaltered since Kipling's time.

Among the arrivals here are Sir Akbar

Hydari (Finance Minister of Hyderabad).

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Ministers who have been associated with him in the constitutional discussions are much

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more satisfied with the position since amendments were made to the Government of India. Bill. There remain issues which the Ministers hope will be clarified, but whatever a small coterie of diehard Princes may yet do, the Ministers of the most important States of India are conscientiously striving to secure a Constitution to which their respective Princes will accede. . . .

CELEBRATIONS IN THE EMPIRE

PESHAWAR, APRIL 21 The Jubilee celebrations at Peshawar will include a military tattoo on May 4 and 5 outside the Fort, with a pageant of Khyber Pass history during the past 4,000 years, showing the various invaders who have come through it. The frontier hills are to be illuminated by bonfires, and there will be a Boy Soluts rally, football and hockey tour-

SALISBURY, APRIL 21 The Prime Minister. Mr. Huggins, left Salisbury yesterday afternoon by air to attend the Jubilee celebrations in England. In an address broadcast to children on the eve of his departure Mr. Huggins pointed out that on the occasion of the last jubilee of a British Sovereign Southern Rhodesia had only just been occupied by Europeans.

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Jersey, remains the overall leader this week, eight points clear of his nearest rival. However, it will not have gone unnoticed by keen students of ITF that the Nobby teams. under the aegis of Mr J. Brown, have been slowly edging closer towards the top over the past few weeks.

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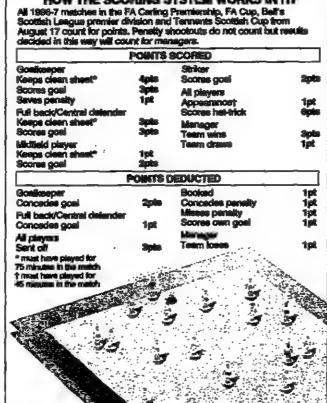
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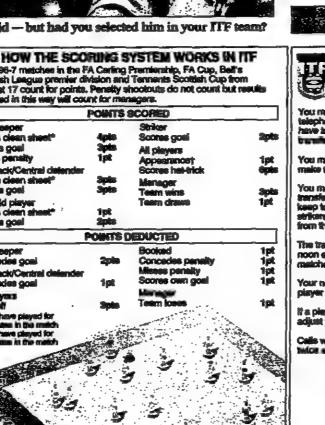
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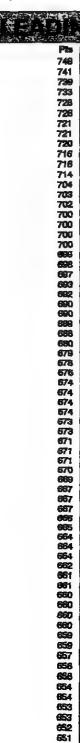
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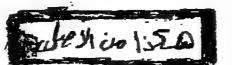
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Santer attacks 'doom merchants'

■ Jacques Santer was accused of interfering in British politics when he entered the general election minefield with a fierce attack on Eurosceptic "doom merchants" that was eagerly exploited by John Major and criticised by Labour.

The European Commission president was accused of interfering in British politics as he attacked people who were intent on demeaning Europe's "formidable" political and economic successes Pages 1, 9-15, 22, 23

Election day alert after IRA phone blitz

A huge intelligence and policing operation is under way to stop the IRA disrupting polling on May 1. Measures already being taken were given greater urgency by the chaos the terrorist group caused in London and the South East during yesterday morning's rush-hour Pages 1, 2

Youngest sports star

Katy Parker of Preston, a 12-yearold table-tennis player, will become the youngest English athlete to play in a world champion-.... Page I

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Laurel and Hardy join the election today in a Labour advertisement that echoes a very similar Page 1 Times cartoon....

Rapist sentenced

A psychopath who planned to stalk and rob famous women, including the actress Fiona Fullerton, was sent to Rampton highsecurity mental hospital indefinitely. Rodney Barnes was known as the Mayfair rapist......Page 3

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The rock musician Kirk Brandon. who is suing Boy George for malicious falsehood, admitted in court that he shared a bed with ... Page 3

Charity's £8m fight

The RSPCA is locked in a legal battle with the widow of an Australian businessmen over £8 million he decided to leave to the animal charity days before his

Wealth before health

Doctors believe they are being turned into "technical monkeys" by clipboard-toting managers more interested in numbercrunching than healthy patients, the BMA says.....Page 5

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Britain's oldest canal is to be dyed khaki or blue in an attempt to protect the fish from being plundered by cormorants before anglers can catch them......Page 6

Bridgewater appeal

A group of police officers known as "The Syndicate" pressurised an innocent man into confessing involvement in the murder of Carl Bridgewater, the Court of Appeal was told Page 8

Lost generation

A million children are in public care in Eastern Europe, hundreds of thousands live on the streets and drug and alcohol abuse among adolescents has reached record levels, a Unicef report says Page 17

Netanyahu unbowed The Israeli Prime Minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, has emerged from the country's most serious political scandal with his power undiminished...... Page 17

Rebels sell rights

Mining multinationals have signed deals for mineral rights with Zaire's rebel leader in what is being termed a second scramble for Africa Page 18

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President Chirac announced early legislative elections in a attempt to give him a clear mandate to lead France into a single currency...... Page 19

Chocolate carrot makes tasteful debut

■ Chocolate-flavoured carrots have gone on sale as part of a drive to turn the vegetable-resistant children of today into the acer-resistant adults of tomorrow Backed by the Cancer Research Campaign, the carrots are the most bizarre of a range of four flavours aimed at the palates of children who shun vegetables and fail to absorb enough vitamin C Page 6



Michel Rieu, a wine producer in Vauciuse, inspects buds damaged by frosts that hit vineyards across the South of France at the weekend. Page 17

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Building profits: Shares in Alliance & Leicester, the former building society, traded at 5662 p on the first day of trading, higher even than the 520p recently predicted Page 29 Property: MEPC, the property giant, is to take a £73 million charge in an effort to sort out its high financing costs......Page 29 Co-op: The Co-operative Wholesale Society raised the stakes in its fight to fend off a takeover bid by Andrew Regan, the 31-year-old entrepreneur, by threatening to call in the Serious Fraud Office ... Page 29 Marketa: The FT-SE 100 rose 18.2 to close at 4328.7. Sterling's tradeweighted index fell from 99.8 to 99.5 after a rise from \$1.6310 to \$1.6348 but a fall from DM2.7991 to DM2.7824.. ...Page 32

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Saintly sinner: The National Gallery is devoting an entire exhibition to one small work - Dürer's Saint Jerome, with its overriding mood of suspense and fragility Page 37 Public eye: Walter Moseley, creator of President Clinton's favourite fictional private detective. spends more time these days being a black American icon......Page 37

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Labour's law: Who will win the top legal posts in the land if Labour takes power?

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Sheep on show: When a busy road junction was created near Michael and Julie Turner's farm, they decided their best hope was to turn their 400 acres into a tourist attraction

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Tony Blair can hardly be beaten in this election. But for the first time since he became party leader three years ago he faces a serious problem with his image. Like Bill Clinton he is trying to please everyone. and runs the risk of becoming too smooth — Der Spiegel | Water ...

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Preview: Dr Jack Kevorkian, the doctor who has assisted in nearly 50 suicides, is the subject of Witness (Channel 4. 9pm); Review: Lynne Truss hails Jemma Redgrave's return as Bramwell Pages 54, 55

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Democracy's double

Although Michael Forsyth, the Secretary of State for Scotland, and Dr Joe Hendron, the SDLP candidate for West Belfast, are, in every respect, many miles apart they deserve to be sitting together in the next House of Commons...Page 23

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Binyamin Netanyahu first won office as the candidate who stood for peace with security. If he can deliver that combination then his moral standing and political status could be recapturedPage 23

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Chocolate-flavoured carrots may tempt the childish tooth on to more grown-up mixed eating such as lobster thermidor, paella, Bombay duck and Welsh rarebit. These will also be more expensive Page 23

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The catalogue of tactical errors, misjudgments, confusion and pa-thetically ineffectual leadership under John Major just goes on and

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My ideal party is not fired by the ambition to reform institutions, but by a desire to conserve them. It does not tinker with things long established and rarely complained of, knowing that it is always easier to destroy than to create. It contains educated people, but erects barriers against the half-educated - those hyperactive intellects who know enough to ask questions but not enough to understand that the real questions are unanswer-...Page 22

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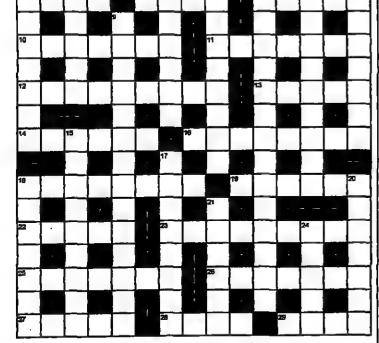
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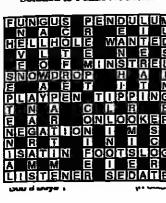
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ACROSS

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- writing essays (4). 6 Family of four girls, followed by
- 10 Vain advice to the prodigal (7). 11 Movie queen from the continent
- 12 A choice literary gathering (9). 13 Woman who has to polish hard
- 2 14 Wit of turbulent priest (6). 16 They're essential to one's standing as a rider (8).
- 18 Specified limitation of ownership in legal document (8). 19 View a risky venture with trepida-
- 22 Come out with me repeatedly to have a drink (5).
- 23 Broken rule again leads to suffer-

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- 25 Italian leader to return call about
- civil disorder (7). 26 Bird that's flown approximately East over head (7).
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- way round (4). 29 The advantage of keenness (4).

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- 2 Conservative-Labour rift (5). 4 In-service instruction (6).
- 5 They should be able to identify any salts in a mixture (8). 6 Business studies (6.8).
- 7 Total confidence initial odds must be switched? Goodness! (9). 8 Premonitions Rigoletto and Rich-
- ard III had (7). 9 Break-up of force and loss of rank after accepting false alibis (14).

15 Communicate what some cross-

- word answers are (3,6). 17 What Cinderella became after twelve (8). 18 Edward lifted small firm with
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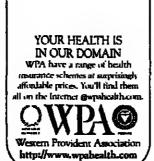
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northeastern coastal regions. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have sunny spells and showers. The showers will be wintry in the northern parts of Scotland and over the mountains further south, Later the showers will peter out but thicker cloud will spread into western parts with rain by the end of the period.

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☐ N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Central N England, NE England: bright or sunny spells, a few showers, perhaps wintry on higher ground. Wind light northerly.

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☐ NE Scotland, Orkney, Shet-land: bright or sunny spells, a few showers, wintry at first, later dying out. Wind light northerly becoming moderate northwesterly. Max 8C

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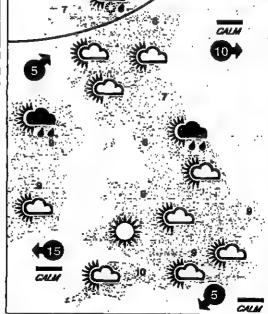
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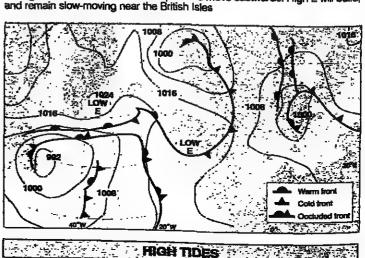
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Co-op threatens Regan with SFO

By Sarah Cunningham

AND JASON NISSE THE Co-operative Wholesale Society raised the stakes in its fight to fend off a takeover bid by Andrew Regan, the 31-year-old entrepreneur, by threatening to call in the Serious Fraud Office if he fails to supply details of payments made to middlemen during an earlier deal.

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A spokesman for Mr Regan, whose investment vehicle, Lanica Trust, is preparing a £1.15 billion bid for CWS, dismissed the threat and said

about the payments.

In a letter to Mr Regan, Graham Melmoth, chief executive of CWS, said that Allan Green and David Chambers, two directors suspended by the CWS last week, had told him that the deal in question had been done directly and without middlemen.

According to a spokesman for Galileo, the vehicle set up by Lanica to carry out the bid, payments of more than £1 million were made to a company named Trellis International in 1995 to pay Ronald

help in extending a crucial supply deal between the CWS and Hobson, a company head-ed by Mr Regan which bought the CWS food manufacturing

in the letter, Mr Melmoth writes: "If Messrs Green and Chambers had nothing to hide, why should they lie? If they are not lying then the Trellis role was not disclosed to the CWS. If the 'Trellis role' was fully disclosed at the time, presumably you will have no difficulty in telling me what that role was, why you were prepared to pay in excess of £2 million for it and who at the Co-op was told about it? He says that if answers are

not received by close of business today arrangements will be made to see representatives of the Serious Fraud The spokesman for Galileo

said he understood that Mr Zimet had been present at meetings at the CWS. He said that the difference between the £2.85 million paid to the CWS to extend the deal and the £5 million noted by Hobson, and which included fees to advisers including Mr Zimet, had been apparent since 1995. He also said that both SBC and KPMG, advisers to CWS, had known of the arrangement

with Trellis. Mr Zimet was yesterday understood to be in Jerusalem for Passover and unavailable for comment. His interests. apart from Trellis, which is registered in the British Virgin Islands, include an investment company in Geneva, a venture capital company in Israel and a company in Curacao. He is also chairman of Freepages, the Aim-quoted provider of services.

Meanwhile, Lennox Pyfe. chairman of the CWS board, revealed yesterday that a motion will be presented at the CWS annual meeting on May 17 designed to block any further predatory moves by Galileo. Some 300 corporate members and representatives will be asked to give their backing to the board's stance in resisting its overtures. A spokesman said Lanica would not be put off by the motion directly to members through

interactive information the media and possibly through an advertising

campaign. Mr Regan and his associates were yesterday preparing affidavits to present to the High Court this afternoon. CWS last week obtained an injunction preventing Galileo from using any material obtained from Mr Green and Mr Chambers in any bid. A High Court hearing on Friday morning will decide whether the injunction remains in

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MEPC £73m hit to cut 'swaps'

By Alasdair Murray

MEPC has revealed that it will take a E73 million hit this year in an attempt to reduce high financing costs. The property company

said yesterday that it is cancelling some of its interest-rate swap agreements, cutting its overall effective interest charge by about 1.5 per cent. MEPC has been under pressure from major shareholders over its weak riormance and stati dividend. Last month the company broke off talks with Hammerson over a possible merger.

James Tuckey, chief executive, said the interestrate deal would ensure cheaper and more flexible financing, as well as improving dividend cover from 1998. The dividend will stay at 20p this year.

But the City, which has been critical of the company's funding costs, was unimpressed by the deal. Analysts said they were surprised at the cost of cancelling the swaps and were concerned that the company's net asset value had fallen again because of

the exceptional charge.
MEPC has launched a major rationalisation programme since the collapse of the Hammerson talks. The company announced last week that it would shed 70 staff by out-sourcing the management of 340 properties. It also announced the purchase of three factory outlets for £80 million from C & J Clark, the shoe retailer.

MEPC said it did not expect to reap benefits from the interest-rate cancellation until 2010. It predicted savings would add £9 million in profits, excluding exceptionals, this year, and rising to £19 million next year. But the exceptional charge will cause a net fall in earnings per share of 10 2p this year, while the net asset value will fall by £43

million. The company said the interest-rate swaps had been made when interest rates were high and had resulted in funding costs at significantly higher levels than its competitors.

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End of the line: Jon Foulds, left, chairman of the Halifax, and Mike Blackburn, chief executive, at the building society's last annual meeting yesterday. Page 30

A&L payouts top £1,400 as shares leap on flotation

By CAROLINE MERRELL

SHARES in Alliance & Leicester, the former building society, soared to 5664 p on the first day of trading yesterday, nearly 9 per cent higher than the 520p predicted at the end of last week. The rise means that the value of the payout per qualifying society member is now more than £1,400.

Brokers claimed that the share price, which at one point reached 576p, was being driven up by bid speculation, with Abbey National, Halifax, Lloyds TSB and Australian Mutual Provident rumoured as possible buyers. More than 88 million shares changed hands, with retail stockbrokers reporting widespread buying by private investors.

The closing share price gives the newly fledged bank, vhose chief executive is Peter White, a market capitalisation of nearly £3.3 billion, 20 per cent higher than the valuation given by the A&L's own advisers in the transfer document.

The market price is much higher than the price achieved in the first of three auctions to dispose of 157 million shares from the 600,000 A&L mem-bers who decided to sell The 52 million shares sold in

straight away. the first auction fetched an average price of 522p. The highest bidder paid 546p for 730,000 shares, while the lowest paid 517p. Cazenove said the prices paid in the second

auction were bound to be higher. Those selling shares through the auctions will get the average price from all

The Building Societies Association said customers could pay a heavy price for free shares. Adrian Coles, BSA director, said: "In the long term, customers will end up paying higher mortgage rates and receiving lower savings rates."

Shares in the Halifax, the next society to float, could also move to a big premium. It is expected to have a market value of more than £10 billion when it floats in June.

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Peter White saw the A&L's market price exceed £3 billion

United pays £4.8m to Hollick

By JASON NISSE

LORD HOLLICK, the Labour peer, received more than £4.8 million last year from United News & Media, the company where he is chief executive, made up of a mixture of salary, pension, share options and bonus payments.

The basic salary paid by United, whose interests include the Express newspapers and a stake in the nascent Channel 5, was £376,500, but donus paymenis, denenis ai pension payments took that to £757,000, an £8,500 increase

on the previous year. However, on top of this Lord Hollick was paid £2.22 million to give up share options in MAI Group, the company he ran that merged with United. In September last year and March this year he also exercised other options granted as far back as 1987, which he sold

for a profit of £1.9 million. He retains options of more than 600,000 United shares with a value in excess of £2

Charles Gregson, who runs the moneybroking operations, was paid £1.49 million to give up share options in MAI on top of remuneration of £457,000.

Two directors who left United after the merger with MAJ picked up more than Il mil-lion in compensation. Gra-ham Wilson, who was chief executive, received a payoff of £603,000, which was more than eight times his annual salary, and Andrew Cameron, who ran Express, was given £485,000 to terminate a con-

tract that paid £83,333 a year. Lord Stevens, the group's chairman, was paid £533,000. He will become part-time after ers' meeting next month. He is present to reflect that status.

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Praise for proposed **Cordiant** demerger

London close \$342.25 (\$342.45)

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DAVID HERRO, the US investor whose actions brought about the departure of Lord Saatchi from Cordiant, yesterday praised the planned demerger of the business into the Saatchi & Saatchi and Bates networks as "an excellent deal for everyone".

Mr Herro and five other leading shareholders were canvassed about the deal last week, ahead of yesterday's announcement. "This is dis-mantling a holding company structure which was erroneously put together," he said.

In the £700 million demerger plan, Saatchi & Saatchi will be floated off in a separate company to be run by Bob Seelert, Cordiant's chief executive.

The remaining company will comprise the Bates network, which will include the Rowland public relations side, National Research Group in Los Angeles and HP:ICM, a communications consultancy. Zenith, the media buyer,

will be independently managed but owned 50-50 by Bates and Saatchi. Mr Seelert said that new accounting practices had to be introduced to Zenith to show its true profitability, but an advertising expert said figures released yesterday in-dicated that Zenith made no money on £60 million of

Mr Seelert said the group had never planned to sell the Bates network. However, he said that what happens once it floats is another matter.

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Star names in quest for ancient religious gems Even by the standards of the the 12 tribes of Israel. Diamond Rose The fact that Diamond Rose made

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

A FLEDGLING diamond exploration company has set off in search of the gems from a 3,000-year-old religious artefact - and has become the unlikely darling of the Australian stock market, helped by a starstudded list of investors headed by the billionaire George Soros.

speculative Australian mining industry, Diamond Rose is a one-off. Set up Phina Feldman, the sister of Joseph Gutnik, a well-known mining magnate, the company hopes to find the 12 gernstones of the breastplate worn by the High Priest in the Temple of Jerusalem 3,000 years ago. Known in the Bible as the Hoshen, the breastplate's 12 stones symbolize

says that its tenements in Western Australia arguably hold five definite and possibly another two of the Hoshen gernstones.

The idea of finding the stones from

the Hoshen came from the late Rabbi Schneerson of New York, who ten years ago told Mr Gutnik that he would find gold and the Hoshen diamonds in the outback of Western

Australia. Gutnik found the gold but has so far failed to find any of the Ms Feldman's belief that she will

find the Hoshen diamonds is shared by James Packer, son of the media mogul, and Australian institutional investors GIO, Bankers Trust Australia and Permanent Trustees, all of whom are among the venture's 20 major shareholders.

its stock market debut on Rabbi Schneerson's birthday has only realfirmed Ms Feldman's faith in her mission. She says: "I truly believe we are blessed... I'm convinced it's a sign from the heavens." Diamond Rose's shares jumped from 20 cents to A\$1.29 on the first day of trading. giving Ms Feldman an instant paper fortune of A\$90 million.

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'Budgie' flies into legal storm

By Fraser Nelson BUDGIE the Little Helicopter, the cartoon character invented by the Duchess of York, has dragged Sleepy Kids, its owners, into a \$22 million legal battle with its former

marketing agents.
Launey, Hachmann and
Harris (LHH), a New
York company hired four years ago to help Budgie to break into the US, is claiming compensation of \$22 million in punitive damages. It claims it is entitled to the sum after marketing costs it esti-mates at \$2.3 million.

Robert Launey, president, says LHH received only about \$150,000 from Sleepy Kids, in spite of placing the series with Fox Children's Network and helping to launch the series on home video. The agency has since run into financial problems.

Sleepy Kids wrote down the intellectual property value of the cartoon from £2.4 million to £1.8 million last month on the grounds that its US performance was disappointing.

Competition action by Ofwat expected soon

By Graham Searjeant, financial editor

of the Hillsdown food group, will shortly become the first substantial company to switch its water supply from an existing monopoly to a com-

peting company.
Ian Byatt. Director-General of Water Services, is expected to allow Anglian Water to take over from Essex and Suffolk Water, part of the multinational Lyonnaise utility group. The decision may come before the election. The contract could start in the autumn.

Anglian will build a new pipeline from its existing territory to Buxted's plant in Flixton, Suffolk. It will supply water from its own resources. Buxted will go on Anglian's large-user tariff and is expected to save between 20 and 25 per cent of its supply bill.

The two water companies' licences would be amended to allow Anglian's to take in Buxted's plant at Flixton. That might allow Anglian to compete for other business near by. Anglian says that, if it is successful, it will look for more "inset appointments" elsewhere. Competition is strong-

BUXTED CHICKENS, part ly encouraged in theory. In of the Hillsdown food group, practice, it has hitherto been confined to bidding for contracts at new industrial sites, such as the Toyota car plant in Derbyshire.

The Buxted application is one of 18 being considered by Ofwat under the Competition in Services (Utilities) Act. None has yet been approved. The second may also be for Anglian, which wants to take over sewage treatment for RAF Finningley in Lincoln-shire. The airbase has its own sewage system, but takes water from Severn Trent.

All the other proposals are from Envirologic, a consultan-cy company. Many of these applications require water from existing suppliers and the use of their pipes.

These involve complex is-sues, such as the pricing of water and common carriage rates, which would be decided by Ofwat. Mr Byatt fears that special cost-based deals brokered for large users could shift charges for investment on to household customers.



Pennington, page 31 Ian Byatt, of Ofwat, may make decision before the election

Rebels fail in Halifax board bid

TWO dissidents failed to gain places on the board of the Halifax, which yesterday held its last annual meeting as a mutual organisation.

Serge Lourie, an accountant who sits on the board of several pension funds, and Peter Judge, a Labour councillor in Calderdale, stood in opposition to three retiring board members, including Mike Blackburn, Halifax's chief executive, who had put themselves up for re-election.

However, Mr Lourie and Mr Judge, the founders of the Halifax Action Group which led the campaign of opposition to the planned £10 billion conversion and stock market flotation, gained just 290,000 votes between them. Last year they jointly notched up 385,000 votes in a similar bid. An attempt by Mr Lourie and Mr Judge to put a cap on

executive pay also failed. The Halifax will today start to inform its members how many shares they can expect to receive when the society makes its stock market debut in June. The strong performance of Alliance & Leicester yesterday suggests that the average Halifax windfall, formerly valued at £1,200, could now be worth closer to £1.400.

Lloyd's auction * deals under investigation

By Adam Jones

LLOYD'S OF LONDON is investigating several cases of suspected insider dealing in auctions of syndicate space last year.

The 1996 auctions allocated £1.4 billion of underwriting capacity. Much of this resulted from individual names leaving the market and selling their right to invest in certain syndicates, often to the new corporate vehicles.

Announcing a tighter regulatory structure for 1997. Lloyd's said yesterday that "a handful" of deals are being investigated. Richard Murphy, manager of its monitoring arm. said: "If any disciplinary action is taken, it will be published."

The auctions, a way of realising the market value of involvement in desirable syndicates, raised E35 million in

Auctions this year will offer a fairer chance to all buyers. said Lloyd's. Bidders in 1996 were able to offer unrealistically high amounts to put themselves at the front of the queue, forcing out smaller investors. But they knew they would never pay the inflated sum since the eventual price was an average from all the sales for a syndicate. Bidders will now have to pay what they

There will be eight auctions this year, held between July 8 and September 23, plus a special auction on December lo for capacity released by members who die late in the year. The total expected to be allocated is conservatively estimated at £600 million to £700 million, but names will still not be able to buy in one auction and sell the same capacity in another.

The auctions will now solely

use computers and faxes, as opposed to the traditional faceto-face system used by auction houses. This will provide fuller records to aid investigation of any insider deals, said

Éach seller will also be checked in advance to ensure that they have the capacity they are selling.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

RICS sees 5% rise in some house prices

HOUSE prices in some parts of England have shot up more than 5 per cent during the past three months alone, according to a report by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) published today. More than a tenth of the 259 chartered surveyors taking part in the survey believe prices have risen more than 5 per cent in the past quarter - the first such response since the boom days of 1988. But the RICS was quick to deny suggestions that the country was in the grip of a new housing boom. Demand is not as great as it was in the late Eighties and sales are lower, it says in its latest England and Wales survey

covering the first three months of this year.

A spokesman for the RICS said that the latest finding was "largely due to the buoyancy of the market in London, the South East and the West Midlands". The RICS acknowledged that those areas were suffering the most severe property shortages and, as a result, prices were rising rapidly. It said that there were wide regional variations in the recovery, echoing the findings of research by the Halifax Building Society earlier this month. London still leads the way, with a net balance — the difference between the percentage of people reporting an increase and those reporting a decrease - of 90 per cent of chartered surveyors seeing an increase in prices.

Compel computer deal

SHARES of Compel jumped to a new high yesterday as the desktop computer services group sealed an agreement to join Globalserve. a worldwide alliance of computer suppliers. Under the agreement, Compel will be able to pitch its services to UK-based multinational companies drawing on support from Globalserve's other members. Globalserve is one of three such worldwide alliances, and has 30 members with annual turnover of \$5 billion. Compel's shares closed 1412 p firmer at 26812 p.

Securicor US offering

SECURICOR TELESCIENCES, the Securicar subsidiary in America that supplies billing management systems to the telecommunications industry, is to raise about \$30 million by selling 2.6 million common shares in an initial public offering. Securicor will own 57 per cent of the subsidiary after the sale is completed. Securicor Telesciences reported profits of \$3.6 million on turnover of \$34 million in its last financial year. Its shares are to traded on America's Nasdaq market.

Sims agrees to MBO

TWO directors of Sims Food, the meat processor and supplier, have been given the go-ahead by the company to put together a management buyout of the retail division. One of the directors, Richard Canvin, joint managing director of the retail division, resigned yesterday in order to prepare the buyout. The other joint managing director, David Gunner, assumes full responsibility for the division and will be part of the buyout team. Any outside offers for the business will also be considered by the company.

JBA races ahead

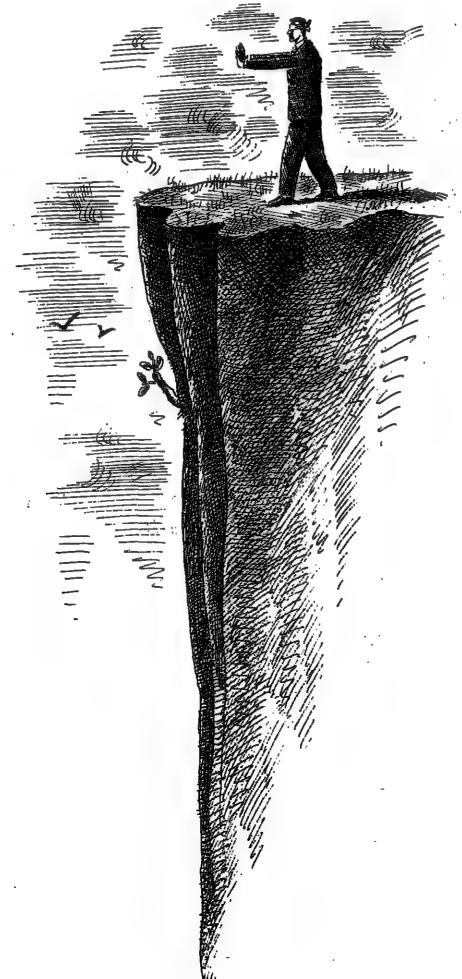
JBA HOLDINGS, the software company that hopes to make a fortune by helping to solve the millennium computer bug, increased pre-tax profits last year by 57 per cent, from £7.2 million to £11.3 million. The company saw turnover increase by 31 per cent, from £123.2 million to £161.8 million. Earnings per share were up by 39 per cent, from 13.14p to 18.26p. JBA will pay a final dividend of 4p (3p) on July I, bringing the total to 5.lp (4p). JBA also expects to buy Presys Holdings, a French software comoany.

Dealer fined £250,000

A PENNY SHARE dealer has been fined a record £250,000 with E30,956 costs by Fimbra, the former watchdog for independent financial advisers, for six serious rule breaches. City Equities had failed to warn clients about the risks involved and failed to obtain the necessary information about certain of its clients. It also failed to have "good grounds for believing that its recommendations were suitable for or of benefit to certain clients". Further, Fimbra said that the firm had made unsolicited calls to potential investors.

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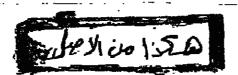
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☐ Strong chairmen are a rare species ☐ Scramble for building society shares ☐ Unconscionable delay at Costain

Leading from the top

IN THE great debate on corporate governance, the non-executive chairman has been assigned huge importance. Every company should have one, contend those committee men who have the time to tell others how to run their businesses.

But instead of forming a dynamic double act at the top of the corporate pyramid, the combination of chairman and chief executive which is so earnestly advocated often turns into a dismal exercise in mutual aid. The strong, experienced, chairman prepared to give an errant chief executive a hard time

appears to be a rare species. Disgruntled institutional investors who wish to see change in the management of certain companies cherish the thought that they might have a sensible conversation with the chairman and expect to see results. In practice, too often what they meet is a dogged support for the current regime from chairmen who have stood by as their executives have failed to per-

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No doubt MEPC chairman Lord Blakenham expected the City to be delighted with the company's decision yesterday to extricate itself from some expensive financing arrangements at a cost of £73 million. But the fact is that the move should have been made years ago. Inspiration has

come not from the top but from the prospect of a hostile bid from

Lord Blakenham presided over a period of dismal dithering and some expensive wrong de-cisions at his family firm, Pearson. He has recently been replaced as chairman by the ubiquitous Dennis Stevenson, the renaissance man who comhines transforming GPA with being chairman of the Tate Gallery. Now excitement is expected at Pearson.

Stevenson's arrival there has enabled Blakenham to devote more of his time to MEPC, but he must actually take responsibility for the company's fortunes since 1993, when he took over as

Sir Bob Reid's reign at Sears has been shorter but long enough and mactive enough to drive some investors close to apoplexy. When, they wonder, will he decide that strong action is what is required, in every

The institutions are much criticised for not stepping up in public and voicing their dis-content when companies fail to

perform but they argue, with some justification, that it is far less damaging if things can be put right behind the scenes. One has only to witness the aftermath of David Herro's determinedly public attack on what is now Cordiant to know that dirty washing should ideally reach the

laundry incognito. But for this to be possible, they must have access to chairmen who are prepared to take a reasoned, dispassionate, and sometimes brave, view. Other-wise, it is the chairmen who should be first in line to lose their stipends, with the incompetent executives following.

Ups and downs of A&L flotation

ON ANY normal reading of human psychology, the un-expected rise in the Alliance & Leicester share price yesterday must mean that even more retail investors will cash out and walk away, unable to trust their good

et al will also be forced higher more people will sell out and we will not be left with that terrifying 17 million-strong list of new shareholders, each clutching a handful apiece, that was always the worst possible outcome this summer. The Abbey National took several wears to get to 40 per took several years to get to 40 per cent institution ownership; the

the month, and the other flota-tions could repeat the pattern.

All well and good, except that the special circumstances of the A&L float appear to have conspired to create yesterday's mad scramble and price hike. Because more than one in four luck holding for long.

By implication, prices in the forthcoming floats of the Halifax

shareholders wanted out. Cazenove was required to hold three auctions to cope with the

Raine in

talks

over bid

group, admitted it was in bid talks yesterday after its share price jumped by more than 10 per cent in early trading (Alasdair Murray

Raine shares touched 21p

after the statement, al-

though they later fell back to

close up 2p at 19 p. The company said it was considering an all share offer at a

modest premium to 194p. It

added that it did not expect

discussions to be concluded

Shares in the company,

million half-year profits.

for several works.

A&L could manage it by the end of

volume. Those auctions required fund managers to work out for themselves what the stock was worth. Bidders badly underpriced the first auction, many putting in at little more than £5. Left out, they rushed lemming-like into the market, with predictable results.

The other auctions will be more realistically priced, and soak up much of the remaining demand. And all those other new investors will have instructed their banks or whoever to sell. Result: A&L investors get an early lesson that share prices can fall as well as rise. This will depend on two fac-

tors, what the market finally decides the A&L is worth and whether there is anyone out there stakebuilding for a bid. The second is unproven, with a bias towards the negative. As to the first, if you apply one valuation method, by stripping out and discounting both com-panies' cash and accounting treatment of cashbacks, the A&L is actually trading on about the same forward multiple as the Abbey National. With its management, it should be on a

little less. New investors desperate to pay for summer holi-days can sell, but do not count on

getting yesterday's price. Why are we

waiting?

USUSPENSION of a company's share listing is a blunt instrument and should be wielded as seldom as possible, because it deprives a company's owners, the shareholders, of the vital right to get out. Andrew Regan's Lanica Trust is not the only share suspended for an unconscionable length of time. Lanica shareholders have been frustrated for two months; the long-suffering minority investors in Costain look set to be shut out for a full half year.

Costain has come to its current sad state because of the failings of previous management. The competence of the latest bunch is yet unproven, but they seem to lack any sense of speed. The shares were initially suspended pending the sale of the US coal interests, achieved rather late. Then, the company says, there

was the appointment of a new chief executive, also late, and chairman, late again. We now await the 1996 results. The chances of receiving this bulletin before the stipulated deadline at the end of this month look slim.

There is no question of a further capital reconstruction. It is impossible to see why the replacement as chairman of one previously unknown nominee from one of the three controlling shareholders with another should hold up relisting, or the arrival of a new chief executive, or even last year's figures, assuming these get here before this year's interims are due. The suspicion is that Costain is being run for the benefit of those three major investors, with no consideration for the 23 per cent of shares in minority hands. This is simply not good enough.

Water sports

COMPETITION in water is likely to remain a minority sport after the election. Even Conservatives, for whom competition is the ultimate in political correct-ness, failed to find time for a complex Bill allowing rivals to commandeer each other's pipes. As Anglian made its first raid on a neighbour yesterday, Frank Dobson, Shadow Environment Secretary, was railing at the evils of modern water meters.

Shares halted at Mackie's request

BY OLIVER ALIGUST

MACKIE International the troubled engineering company, raised new doubts about the extent of its difficulties yesterday when the arrival of a new chief executive accompaied a move to restate its

Dealings in Mackle's hares were suspended before the market opened at the Belfast-based company's own request. Soon afterwards it said: "Certhin matters have come to light since the preliminary results announcement on March 24. These restatement of the accounts for the year ended December 31, 1996."

Mackie gave no fur-ther details although City speculation centred on Sul Sahota, who was named as Mackie's new chief executive yester day. It was suggested he may be unhappy with the way the accounts were presented in the light of Mackie's recent slide from profit to loss. Mackie was emable to

clarify further.

PREMIER FARNELL, whose

shares crashed after a profits warning in February, is to hold an investor conference on Thursday to introduce the City its operational management. The move is an attempt to

assuage doubts about the company after the shortfall in profits at the Premier electronic distribution business which was bought for £1.85 million in early 1996. At the time of the deal

Howard Poulson, Premier Farnell's chief executive, had its of £160 million for the year ending February 2.

The figures unveiled yesterday showed pre-tax profits up 82 per cent at £137 million. though earnings per share fell from 35.60 to 29.1p. A final dividend of 6.8p, payable on July 1, makes a total of 12p, up 17 per cent. Mr Poulson said the short-

fall was for three main reasons. The strong pound had hit the translation of US profits to the tune of 66 million; Farnell Electronic Services, the volume componems business sold in Decem-



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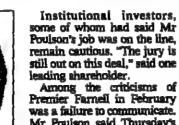
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Poulson: profits shortfall

ber, made £10 million less profit than it should have; and the core operation suffered because of the absence of particularly high margin busitor shortages in 1994 and 1995.

The revelations that profits would not hit targets led to more than £500 million being wiped off Premier Farnell's share price. Yesterday Mike Styles, electronics analyst at Credit Lyonnais Laing, echoed most City sentiment in saying the results were "bang in line with expectations". The shares rose lp to 499p.



Mr Pouison said Thursday's meeting was to address this. Among the managers being introduced to institutional investors and stockbroking analysts will be Don Payzant, who runs the Newark catalogue components operation in the US, and Terry Taylor, who is spearheading the group's

tion of industrial products. They will reveal a number of initiatives aimed at increasing the profitability of the UK and US businesses. A ne Newark catalogue is bei prepared with a simplifi pricing structure and color photography. A CD-Rom ve sion of the catalogues has be produced and there is a bu

ers' guide on the Internet. Mr Poulson said the grow manufacturing arm was no core, but was not up for sale the moment.

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Sears payout hit by MMC referral

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

THE payout by Sears of £410 million to its shareholders is set for a further delay after a government decision to refer the proposed sale of its Freemans home-shopping arm to the Monopolies and Mergers

The return of cash, designed to appease shareholders unhappy about the retail group's poor profit performance, was set for the summer but will not happen now until the end of

Yesterday was the second time the proposed sale to Littlewoods has been referred to the MMC. The first was which was formed in 1986 with the support of Sir Nigel made in February after Littlewoods had offered Rudd, hit a peak of 137p four years ago. But the company around £395 million for Freeran into difficulties in the recession and almost colmans. During the delay caused by the initial referral, lapsed in 1995. It returned to Brown and negotiations with Littlewoods were terminated.

N Brown and Sears then failed to agree a price, with N Brown offering considerably below £395 million. Talks with Littlewoods were then re-Littlewoods' second offer,

also expected to be for well below £395 million, will be put before the Sears board on Thursday. The meeting, which comes ahead of the group's results next week, is also expected to hear a restructuring proposal from Liam Strong, Scars' embattled chief executive, designed to resolve the problems at its British Shoe Corporation subsidiary.

Meanwhile, Littlewoods has received an unspecified number of indicative offers for its chain of 135 stores. Around a dozen companies asked for the majority are not proceeding with an offer.

Reed son appointed new chief

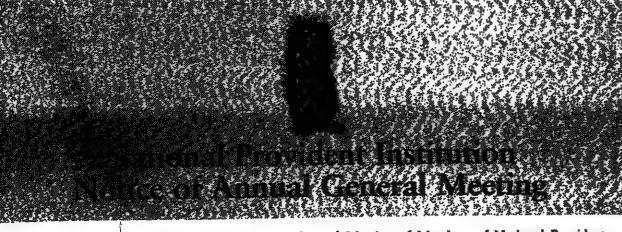
REED EXECUTIVE, the recruitment agency, has pro-moted James Reed, the company's chief operating officer and the son of its chairman, to chief executive

(Chris Ayres writes).

Alec Reed, who owns two thirds of the firm, said his son was replacing Chris Kelly, a director for 12 years, who will receive an undisclosed sum as compensation. Reed was reporting a 40 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £123 million

for the year to December 29. Turnover was also up, from £150.2 million to £191 million. while earnings rose from 11.1p to 15.6p a share. The company expects to open about 10 high street branches next year, and it does not foresee a slowdown in the economy until after

Reed Executive will pay a final dividend of 1.30 (ip) on June 18, bringing the total dividend to 2.6p (2p).



Notice is hereby given that the 161st Annual General Meeting of Members of National Provident Institution will be held at the City Conference Centre, 76 Mark Lane, London EC3R 7JN, on Wednesday, 21 May 1997, at 12.00 noon, for the transaction of the following ordinary business:

Resolution No.1 To receive and adopt the Accounts and Report of the Directors for the year ended 31 December 1996;

To re-appoint as a Director, Mr K Jones, who has joined the Board since the last Annual Resolution No.2 General Meeting:

To re-appoint as a Director, Mr A D Lyons, who has joined the Board since the last Resolution No.3 Annual General Meeting: To re-appoint as a Director, Mr P W L Morgan, who is retiring by rotation;

Resolution No.4 To re-appoint as a Director, Mr B J Brindley, who is retiring by rotation; Resolution No.5 To re-appoint as a Director, Lord Camoys, who is retiring by rotation; Resolution No.6 To re-appoint as a Director, Mr K H McBrien, who is retiring by rotation; Resolution No.7 (Mr Morgan and Lord Camoys are members of the Remuneration Committee) To re-appoint Coopers & Lybrand as Auditors and to authorise the Directors to Resolution No.8

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD: Steven O'Brien, Company Secretary. Principal Office: National Provident House, 55 Calverley Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2UE.

NOTE. A Member entitled to attend and vote at the general meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and, on a poll, to vote instead of him or her. A proxy need not be a Member of NPL Proxy forms are available on request from the Company Secretary at the Principal Office. Completed proxy forms must be deposited at the Principal Office not later than 12 noon on 19 May 1997.

determine their remuneration.



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RJB hurt by PowerGen supply contract blow

gest remaining coal miner, fell 2012 p to 412p after it was learnt that it will lose a big customer from next spring.

As expected. PowerGen. the generator, has clinched a contract to buy its coal supplies more cheaply from other sources, such as Mining Scotland, the consortium, and from overseas. Last year PowerGen accounted for 13 million tonnes of RJB production out of a total of 35 million

At one stage, the RJB price hit 400p, but closed off the bottom as some traders took comfort from the view that an incoming Labour government might force PowerGen to huy

supplies domestically.
In December BZW down-graded its profit forecast for RJB and told the market that it faced a tough couple of years as it struggled to secure fresh supply contracts with the big electricity generators as the old contracts imposed by the Government run out.

A spokesman for RJB said: "We don't see that this alters the situation with PowerGen. It is a large customer, not the largest, and remains a good customer. It still needs to buy more supplies. We are hoping to continue supplying it".

RJB operates the coallields formerly belonging to the National Coal Board for which it paid £815 million. After hitting a high of 640p after its flotation, RJB's share price has fallen sharply.

The rest of the equity market reversed an initial 11-point fall to close at its best of the day in thin trading. The FT-SE 100 index finished 18.2 up at 4.328.7 on turnover of less than 700 million shares. Much of the demand focused on the banking sector after the Alliance & Leicester made its public debut. The broader based FT-Mid 250 was up just 0.5 at 4.518.2.

Cordiant. the advertising agency, rose 512p to 13512p it announced plans to demerge the business into three seperate companies.

Unitiever advanced 154p to £15.94 on speculation that ICI is ready to pay nearly £4 billion for its speciality chemicals business. ICI was unmoved at 6974p. Shares of Mackie International were suspended at 11312p pending clarification of preliminary results for the year to December 31, published last month. The engineering contractor said



Shares of RJB Mining ended down 20 p at 412p

matters had come to light that might lead to a restatement. The announcement of a bid approach lifted Raine 2p to 194 p. The construction company said it was in talks that might lead to an all-share offer being made at a small premium to the ruling market price. At these levels the group carries a price tag of £213 million. Symonds has folShield Diagnostics ended 65p down at 4972 p as several directors exercised options and sold stock. Gordon Hall has exercised 70,000 shares at 35p and sold them on at 530p. George Zajioek has also exercised options on 40,000 shares at 35p and sold them on at

First-time dealings in Alliance & Leicester got off to a

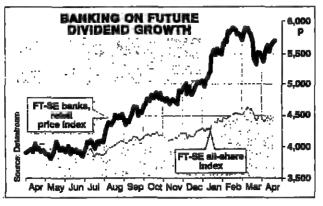
Newcomer Newcastle United fell 5½p to 117½p after Charterhouse Tilney, the broker, warned clients the shares are looking expensive. Tilney says that because of restraints on ground capacity, there were few chances to increase medium-term revenues. Moving to a new ground could prove expensive.

lowed up last month's profits warning with the appointment of Arthur Andersen, the auditor, to investigate "significant breaches" of internal controls at its precision engineering division. The businesses managing director has been sacked and the group now expects profits to be even lower than indicated at the time of the last trading update. The shares fell 9p at 38p.

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better start than even the most optimistic stock market bull could have forecast. The minimum bid in Friday's auction was reckoned to be 217p, way above the 484p to 510p predicted by some City pundits.

Opening at 522p the price touched a peak of 576p, before ending the day at 506 2 p. a rise of 42p, and worth £1,486 to members offered 250 free shares each.Capitalised at £3



billion A&L is the 60th biggest quoted company in Britain and set to take its place as a constituent of the FT-SE 100

index on June 23. Paul Kavanagh, at Killik & Co, the private client broker. says members should hold on to their shares: "The dividend yield is nigh on 5 per cent for those allocated them and should continue to grow. Its a good one to hold in the current climate of low interest rates

and low inflation", he says. The A&L is the first of four building societies to seek banking status and a stock market listing. Trading starts in the Halifax in June, followed by the Woolwich in July Northern Rock

Their emergence has refocused attention on the banking sector, which has outperformed the rest of the market since July of last year. Abbey National was a case in point, adding 14p at 8122 p.

Johnny de la Hey, banking analyst at Credit Lyonnais Laing, says there is still scope for the banks to outperform in both terms of share price and dividend growth. The big banks have consoli-

dated their position in the market place and, according to Laing, are capable of dividend growth of 12 per cent per annum up until 1999. Top of its shopping list are Barclays, up 182 p at £10.282. NatWest. 182p higher at 697p. Bank of Scotland, 14p dearer at 33912 p, ahead of results tomorrow, and Royal Bank of Scotland, 14½ p better at 544p.

☐ GILT-EDGED: Weaker European bond markets combined with growing political uncertainty left prices lower on the day. Sspeculation that President Chirac is about to call a general election in France and growing fears a hung parliament in Britain after May I, unsettled investors. They proved reluctant to open fresh positions ahead of tomorrow's £2 billion auction. In the futures pit, the June

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The selling of Bates

UNRAVELLING the mistakes of the 1980s is how Bob Seelert describes his demerger of the Cordiant Group. Months of agonising has come up with the solution everone else thought of years ago -- put Saatchi & Saatchi in a different company from Bates. This gets rid of the problem afflicting Bates, since Saatchi bought it in 1980, that it could not take on as clients anyone who conflicted with Proctor & Gamble because that was a Saatchi client. Suddenly the world gets larger for Bates without getting smaller for Saatchi.

However the structure Cordiant and its advisers has come up with is not ideal. The Bates and Saatchi opeartions will have separate listings, at no extra cost, which implies the central overhead of Cordiant is still too high. But the Zenith media buying agency is left straddling the two new

businesses uncomfortably. And given that Bates recently took the Wendy's hamburger chain media buying away from Zenith, one wonders how committed it is to a business in which it will have 50 per cent. One suspects Zenith is making too little money to be allowed out on its own at the moment.

And then why does the Bates side get all the minor gems, such as National Research Group and HP:ICM? This is likely to make a much more profitable company in the medium term than Saatchi and make it look a sensible move to turn down the bid approaches from True North in favour of a float. However the shunning of True North may only be temporary. Mr Seelert admits that anyone would be free to buy Bates once it is floated. Do they have to wait that long? Make no mistake, the "for sale" sign was put on Bates yesterday.

Premier Farnell

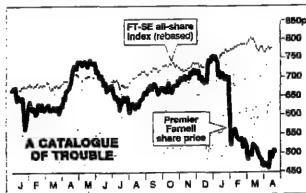
THE excuses were all lined up yesterday when Howard Poulson started the process of saving his job as chief executive of Premier Farnell. Exchange rates had cost about In million. The volume business sold at Christmas made £10 million less than it should have. This meant the real profits were only about 6 per cent below what Farnell had expected when it spent £1.85 billion on Premier, the giant US com-

ponents distributor. What is more, the reason this was not all that good was that the world semiconductor shortage has turned into a glut. So the premium prices Premier's Newark catalogue business was getting have dried up. But there are lots of initiatives - like putting pictures and a full price range in the launching Farnell in the States - which will help.

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But it is not really good enough. Mr Poulson gave the City a story of jam tomorrow from Premier. What he either did not know. or did not tell, was that the business was enjoying exceptional profits at the time of the purchase. So the new

vision was being built on shifting foundations. An investor presentation on Thursday may add confidence, but there is no sign of this jam. Given the market only put the shares up lp to 499p, leaving them nearly 200p under the price before February's profits warning, the City clearly wonders if it



Sainsbury

GAINING planning permission to build large stores has become very difficult, to the frustration of all the supermarket groups. This means that J Sainsbury, which wants to rebuild its market share, could be tempted to start bidding for some stores from the CWS retail business if they eventually come up. for sale.

The CWS retailing side includes 537 food stores and 32 non-food stores. The most attractive ones are the 60 superstores and 180 super markets. The rest are, for the main part, corner shops.

The particular appeal for J Sainsbury would be the ++ supermarkets and seven superstores in Scotland. where it is under-represented after losing the battle with Tesco to take over William Low. Moreover, the CWS food operating margins, excluding the milk business, are only 3.3 per cent and could easily be improved by

DOLLAR RATES

becoming part of a big supermarket family.

So the temptation to get involved is there, but it would be a foolhardy move. There will be no more than a handful of stores that really suit Sainsbury's purpose and it is highly unlikely that Lanica — the would-be buyer of CWS, which apparently wants to carry on running the retail side — would sell only its best stores to a rival. Sainsbury certainly needs to look for opportunities to steal a march on Tesco: this is not likely to be one.

BEASTLY power generators. For years, they stood shoul-der to shoulder supporting the national coal industry, buying good British coal providing good British heat to good British living rooms. Now, they look like casting

aside their co-operative past and bunking off with ten miltion tonnes of foreign coal at keen prices, brought courtesy of the soaring pound. RJB is bracing itself to sell 33 million tonnes of coal this year. at a cost of some 123p per gigajoule. Now that PowerGen has ordered 4.5 million tonnes elsewhere. RJB could face a pile-up of unwanted coal, and price pressure that rises with the pound.

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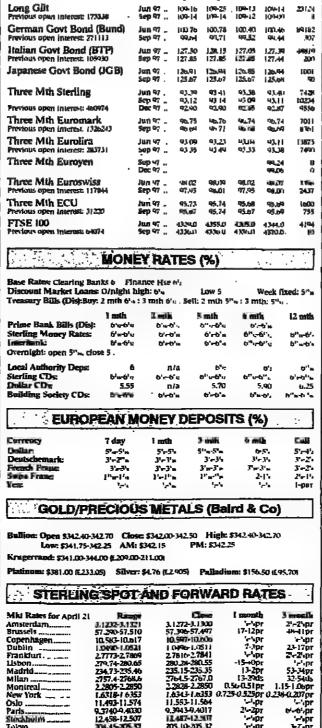
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With the last governmentbrokered contract expiring next year. RJB is so far failing to impress its transition from state lapdog to market animal. But it can still rely on one loyal friend: the incapacity of ports. Imported coal is unlikely to exceed ten million tonnes in 1998, against the industry need for 40 million. If 4.5 million has already been signed up to PowerGen, this leaves at least 25.5 million

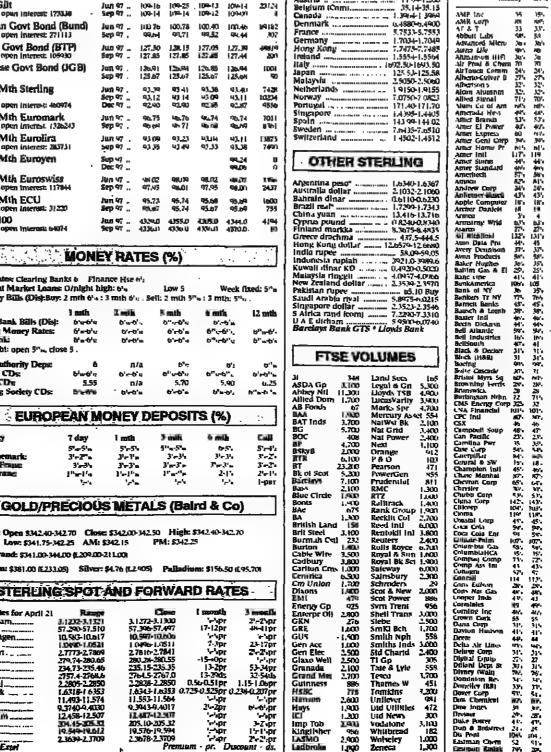
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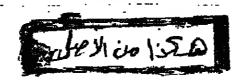
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By this time next week the London Stock Exchange should know whether the latest attempt to bury its troubled techno past has been successful or whether it has found yet another banana skin.

More than a decade after the Big Bang revolution ended face-to-face dealing on the Exchange floor, and after spending more than £130 mil-lion finding the right computer system, the Crest project will finally face its test of mass dealing by an army of private investors.

The 80 million-plus Alliance & Leicester shares traded yesterday will be due for "settlement" next Monday. The Crest paperless share-trading project, which cost £29 million to build and costs £23 million a year to run, should cope with few problems. The fact is that the A&L share deals will be parcelled into 30 or 40 lots so there should be little increase on daily Crest settlements, which are running at around 145,000 transactions.

CrestCo, the operating company for the new system, may be separate

Wave of flotations promises critical test of Crest project

success or failure of the computer network inextricably links the fate of their own way and were prepared to the two concerns. Whichever way you look at it computers and the Stock Exchange have spelt trouble and expense since Big Bang on October

Between 1985 and 1993, when the ill-fated Taurus electronic settlement of shares and registrations project was abandoned, the Exchange spent well over £100 million on technology to little effect. Worse still was the rapid turnover of chief executives at the Stock Exchange, culminating in the very public sacking of Michael Lawrence in January 1996.

At that point - and certainly until last summer - it was open talk in the City that the Stock Exchange was an

fight for their interests. Not only had the Exchange frittered tens of millions of pounds on useless technology but it rarely managed to pursue insider dealers and general market abusers with any authority.

The Exchange has also been criticised for its attitude to small investors. The shift to paperless share trading under Crest has meant a move away from owning shares under individual names to the use of nominee accounts. There is nothing arcane in nominee accounts. They do mean, however, that many individual shareholders behind these accounts do not receive annual reports and accounts and do not have the

pay an additional fee. The Stock Exchange also faces competition from Tradepoint, which received the go-ahead from City watchdogs last September to start business as a recognised investment exchange. Realistically though Tradepoint is still

in its infancy.

The real test for Crest, and the trading volumes it can handle, will come later in the summer when the Halifax, Woolwich and Norwich Union all shed their mutual status.

In the meantime, Gavin Casey, who took over as Exchange chief executive last August, can look back with some satisfaction. A new orderdriven share-trading network for City professionals is moving forward and the insider dealing unit has a

Many observers believe that there is a conflict of interest between the Stock Exchange's role as a regulator on the one hand and a commercial entity on the other. This could be resolved if Labour forms the next government and the promised reform of the financial services indus-try and the role of City watchdogs proceeds as planned.

Even so, the Stock Exchange has read the tea leaves on its commercial future and acted promptly. In London recently a delegation from China toasted the first listing on the UK exchange of a Chinese company and more will follow. The listing was the result of two years hard graft by the Treasury, the Stock Exchange and the Securities and Investments Board, the chief City watchdog. That same team is looking to attract other

overseas business to London.

The Stock Exchange has started its fightback and it would be rash to write off its chances of survival just yet, but Crest is a vital ingredient in that success formula.

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The boys from Knoti largest corporate sleuthing firm, could not believe their luck. They had been rummaging through the dustbins of the Dorset home of Roy Tazzyman, former chief executive of Davy International, and found some curious refuse: faxed letters to senior executives at VAI of Austria, one of Davy's main competitors.

Gumshoes were not supp osed to have it this easy. Kroll delivered the papers to Kvaerner, the Norwegian engineering group that inherited Davy it bought Trafalgar House for about £900 million last year. Kvaerner was delighted. Here, at last, was evidence that supported its belief that Davy was leaking confi-

dential information to VAI. Kvaerner used the duston booty to persuade a High Court judge to allow it to raid the UK offices of VAL, Mr Tazzyman's new employer, where it claimed to have found thousands of Davy documents, including computer disks and technical material. Kvaerner accused VAI of industrial espionage and dirty tricks on a grand scale, triggering a legal row that has yet to conclude. Industrial espionage, or cor-

porate intelligence, as its practitioners prefer to call it, is nothing new, it has been a part of life since the dawn of commerce for the simple reason that it can provide crucial strategic advantages in a hurry. Stealing a dazzling new technology is cheaper than developing it yourself. Confidential information about a product launch, marketing campaign, acquisition strategy or the boss's mistress can alter the competitive landscape overnight. Kroll's revelation that the late Lord White's beloved racehorses were bought for him by Hanson helped to discredit Hanson's bid for ICI.

Andrew Regan, the young acquisitor with his sights set on the Co-operative Wholesale Society, believes he is the latest victim of corporate spying. He has accused his opponents of using video cameras to keep tabs on him and his family. The Co-op, of course, might argue that it is just trying to level the playing field. It wants to know if Regan received any confidential information from the two Co-op executives who were suspended last week. Corporate sleuthing is one of

Andrew Regan scored a public relations victory of sorts when the Co-op admitted that it had used private detectives

the world's fastest growing industries. Almost every large company either has investigate ors on staff or employs them in special circumstances. Defence contractors like Racal would not be in business unless it kept its security experts hopping to meet the Government's "List X" requirements. The backounds of employees in sensitive project areas are thoroughly screened. Offices and board rooms are routinely swept for

electronic bugging devices.

Traditionally, the mergers and acquisitions business has made thorough use of corporate investigators. Kroli, the industry leader, and its rivals were behind-the-scenes players in almost every large takeover of the 1980s and 1990s. In Britain, Kroll was secretly hired in 1995 by Rhone-Poulenc Rorer to

examine when Fisons, the Brit-come to light and trigger a ish drugs company it eventual-ly won in a E1.7 billion hostile takeover, might receive US approval for the long-delayed sale of a US subsidiary.

It is suspected that Varity of the US hired private investigators last year to determine whether any company had plans to challenge its proposed merger with Lucas Industries. The investigators - their names have not been revealed - learnt that BBA, the former British Belt and Asbestos company, was eager to spoil the party. Surprisingly, private gumshoes played no role in last year's attack by Granada on the Forte hotels and catering group. But Forte turned down the opportunity to employ investigators partly because it feared their presence would

public relations nightmare. Since mergers and acquisitions are cyclical, corporate sleuths have had to develop other sources of income. According to Jeff Katz, the manag-ing director of Kroll's UK office, the bulk of any large investigations firm divides into two areas: corporate intelligence and "problem solving". The former is designed to avoid a potential disasters; the latter

to fix existing ones. For the most part, corporate intelligence is a sophisticated form of due diligence. The sector is growing because corporations are increasingly dealing in international markets and often lack enough information about foreign partners to trust them. Before putting down £100 million to build a car components factory, say, in Eastern Europe, they want some assur-ance that their local partners will not vanish with the loot. Katz said: "Some countries in Eastern Europe are like the Wild West, How do you know that the people you're getting involved with are legit?"

To check them out, investigators use a combination of public records and interviews, most of them done covertly. with anyone who may have knowledge of the partners in question. In these cases, investigators rely heavily on a network of local contacts that may have taken years, even decades, to nurture. The most successful sleuthing firms "buy in" their networks by hiring professionals, such as former police officers, FBI and CIA agents, prosecutors and jourpended on the reliability of their informants and contacts. An ineffective contacts net-

work can make life miserable for sleuths, In 1992, the Russian Government hired Kroll to track down the billions of dollars thought to have been spirited out of the country by corrupt Communist Party officials, Kroll had experience in asset tracking. It had some success in recovering the hid-den assets of Ferdinand Marcos, the former president of the Philippines, and Jean-Claude Duvalier of Haiti. But Kroll's Russian effort proved fruitless. It had enormous trouble penetrating Russia's secretive and inefficient bureacracy and suspected that the Russian Government, in the end, lacked the

political will to get the job done. Katz said the "problem solving" side is experiencing explo-sive growth. Luxury goods companies have hired sleuths to find the source of counterfeit products. Investment firms have hired them to check out rumours that a valuable group of staff, such as analysts or bankers, may be preparing to defect to a rival firm. Insurers use them to examine whether a claim is honest. Although business is booming, private inves-tigators are having trouble shaking their "dirty raincoat" image. While Kroll's examination of Roy Tazzyman's dustbins presented no legal problems, it reinforced a shab-

roll, for its part, has been accused of misrepresentation. In 1992, for example, it was hired by Austria's billionaire Swarovski family to shed some light on the failure of Zale, the big Texas jewellery chain in which it had a half interest. But the family did not want Zale's management to know Kroll was on the case. The three-man Kroll team got around the hurdle by infiltrating Zale through a small investment banking firm. But the Kroll people were exposed. Luckily for Kroll, the matter blew over; the worst outcome could have meant the loss of its

Investigator's licence in Texas.
A fine line divides legitimate market research and theft of propriety information. Privacy and ownership rules differ in each country. The trick for private investigators is to use the most effective intelligence-gathering methods without straying

too far into the grev zone. For companies that employ them, the trick is to ensure no one knows they have been hired. Once that little secret is out, the sleuths can become an instant liability. Andrew Regan scored a public relations victory of sorts when the Co-op admitted using private detectives. It has tarnished its otherployment) are aggravating wise squeaky clean image.

Convergence of parties hits hopes for full employment

John Grieve Smith jogs our memories over election campaign's forgotten issue

of the convergence of Labour and Conservative policies has been any discussion of full employment, the abandonment of which was an integral part of the Thatcher revolution. The election debate on unemployment has been limited to palliative measures to help particular groups of the unemployment. However, unemployment, despite its most full measures. despite its recent fall, remains more than three times higher than the average level in the first 30 years after the Second World War. Monetary and budgetary policy is now based on maintaining a minimum level of 1.5 million to 2 million unemployed as an essential means of regulat-

ing inflation. Full employment is not people suffering the frustra-tion and hardship of being unemployed. Its abandonment, along with the accompanying measures to make the labour market more "flexible", has led to a serious growth in inequality

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Until recently the Labour Party remained pledged to restore full employment, a goal explicitly reaffirmed by t the 1994 Lab our Party Conference. Since then, however, new Labour has limited its proposed attack on unemployment to helping the young and longterm unemployed and promised to follow similar (if not stricter) financial policles to the Tories. But without a stronger demand for labour, such measures will

All the main parties now subscribe to the New Orthodoxy, with the following three main tenets:

have little, if any, effect on

the total number of jobs.

☐ Inflation should be controlled by interest rates, preferably by an independent central bank.

☐ Budgets should not be used for demand management for at least not to stimulate demand: If they reduce it, that is a bonus), and budget deficits should be kept to a minimum at all Unemployment is purely

a problem of the labour market to be solved by deregulation and increased flexibility, ie, reducing the cost of labour. This is the doctrine on which the Treaty of Maastricht was so disastrously based. It ignores the fact that higher interest rates only curb inflation by making trade more difficult, and create unemployment in order to ease the pressure of wage demands. Measures to reduce budget deficits (which are themselves a consequence of high uneman already serious unemployment problem in many EU countries, with potentially explosive political

consequences.
The reduction of unemployment does not depend on making labour cheaper, as the various labour market "solutions" suggest. If the demand were there, most firms could increase their sales and output profitably at existing price and wage levels. The key problem is how to run the economy at a higher level of demand and lower unemployment without increasing inflationary

As things are, the new Government will come under immediate pressure to raise interest rates or taxes to avoid any further increase in demand for fear of inflation. If unemployment is to be reduced further, the two essentials are to take steps to avoid the stronger bargaining power of labour leading to excessive wage increases, and to expand industrial capacity so that stronger demand does not drive up prices or suck in imports.

amfidence in continued expansion, which firms need to invest in additional capacity, depends on a convincing solution to the pay prob-

This cun only come from agreement between the Government, unions and employers to keep wage increases to a moderate level

in both the private and grasped, there can be little hope of any substantial reduction in unemployment. To try to enforce a strict pay policy in the public sector alone will only accentuate the threat of politically dam-

aging disputes in key public The new Government after the election should make a fresh start by setting up an Economic Policy Council with representatives of unions and employers to formulate a medium-term strategy encompassing both the demand and supply side

policies needed to achieve full employment.
The alternative to continued use of mass unemployment to regulate inflation is to move forward to an era of formulating economic policy by co-operation and agreement - in fashionable terms, a "stakeholding"

It is strange that new Labour is so afraid to offer us this choice: this must be the first time a British political party has gone into an election with a platform designed to appeal more to its opponents than its

John Grieve Smith is author of Full Employment. A Pledge Betrayed (published last month by Macmillan at £15.99) and co-editor with Jonathan Michie of Employment and Economic Performance (published this week by OUP at £15.99).

Black and blue

A NON-EXECUTIVE director at CrestCo is cutting her teeth as the Tory candidate for the Labour stronghold of Kirkcaldy. Charlotte Black, 37, the

designer-clad marketing director at Brewin Dolphin, won't be back in the office until May 6. A "born and bred Fifer currently living in Mayfair, her family have been on the board of Nairn's, the linoleum factory in Kirkcaldy, for more than a century. A local businessman has aiready fallen for Black's slogan ('If you want a bright future - vote Black"), offering her a nightclub bouncer to act

as chaperone. But what about CrestCo? "Alliance & Leicester is just a dress rehearsal for the big bang in June," she says. "As far as I can see, everyone is in their costume and is ready

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CITY DIARY

PETER DOYLE, a director at

Zeneca, is joining Oxford Molecular as a non-executive director. His appointment to the board of the group that boasts five Nobel laureates on its scientific advisory board will be Doyle's first external non-executive directorship. Tony Marchington, chief executive, first met Doyle when he was a young graduate, employed to work under him at Zeneca. I thought Peter was very scary at the time, but we're very good friends now."

Like old times

On course to wed CONGRATULATIONS to Martyn Arbits on the en-



gagement of his youngest daughter, Melanie, a Montessori teacher in London. The 57-year-old father of two and chairman of Perpetual, the top-performing fund managebe more pleased with her choice Andrew White, the son of a major-general, who works in sports management. Arbib, a keen sportsman himself, and lover of the turf, has been teaching his prospective son-in-law a thing or two on the golf course. A wedding has been pencilled in for this

Debit side

IT'S not figures but spellings that Sainsbury's Bank is struggling with. The supermarket turned finance house promises to give 1,000 reward points to customers opening a savings account whose names have been wrongly spelt on

ment group, says he couldn't their cashcard. Mark Rollason, a civil servant living in Coventry, picked up his bonus points when the bank misspelt his name "Rollonson". Keen to cover its mistake, the bank wrote him a letter to apologise, addressed to Mr Rollonson.

Back in business ALMOST a year since

BusinessAge magazine disappeared from the newstands, it is about to be relaunched. First published by Tom Rubython in 1992, it was sold to VNU Business Publications in January 1995. Anil Bhoyrul, 30, the former associate editor of Sunday Business, whose political leanings

weren't a natural fit with the business weekly, has been appointed as the editor. Charles Kerr. 25, the former sales director of Sunday Business, has been appointed as the publishing director. Readers will remember that both men were caught in London Zoo, attempting to steal a

Hot plate

DAVID PROCTOR, managing director of Xpedite Systems, the fax service provider. has been showing off his latest toy. Squeezed in the executive parking spot of the York-based company is a rather unexciting executive saloon, emblazoned with the number plate "Al FAX". Proctor forked out more than £1,000 for the Eighties throwback, and insists that it was money well spent. "My children think it's terrific," he

MORAG PRESTON

The Norwich Union Life Insurance Society Notice to Members

Results of Voting on Special Resolution

The Special Resolution to approve the demutualisation and flotation of The Norwich Union Life Insurance Society, was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society held on 18 April 1997 at the London Arena, 36 Limeharbour, London E14 9TH. The result of the poil vote, as reported by the Scrutineers

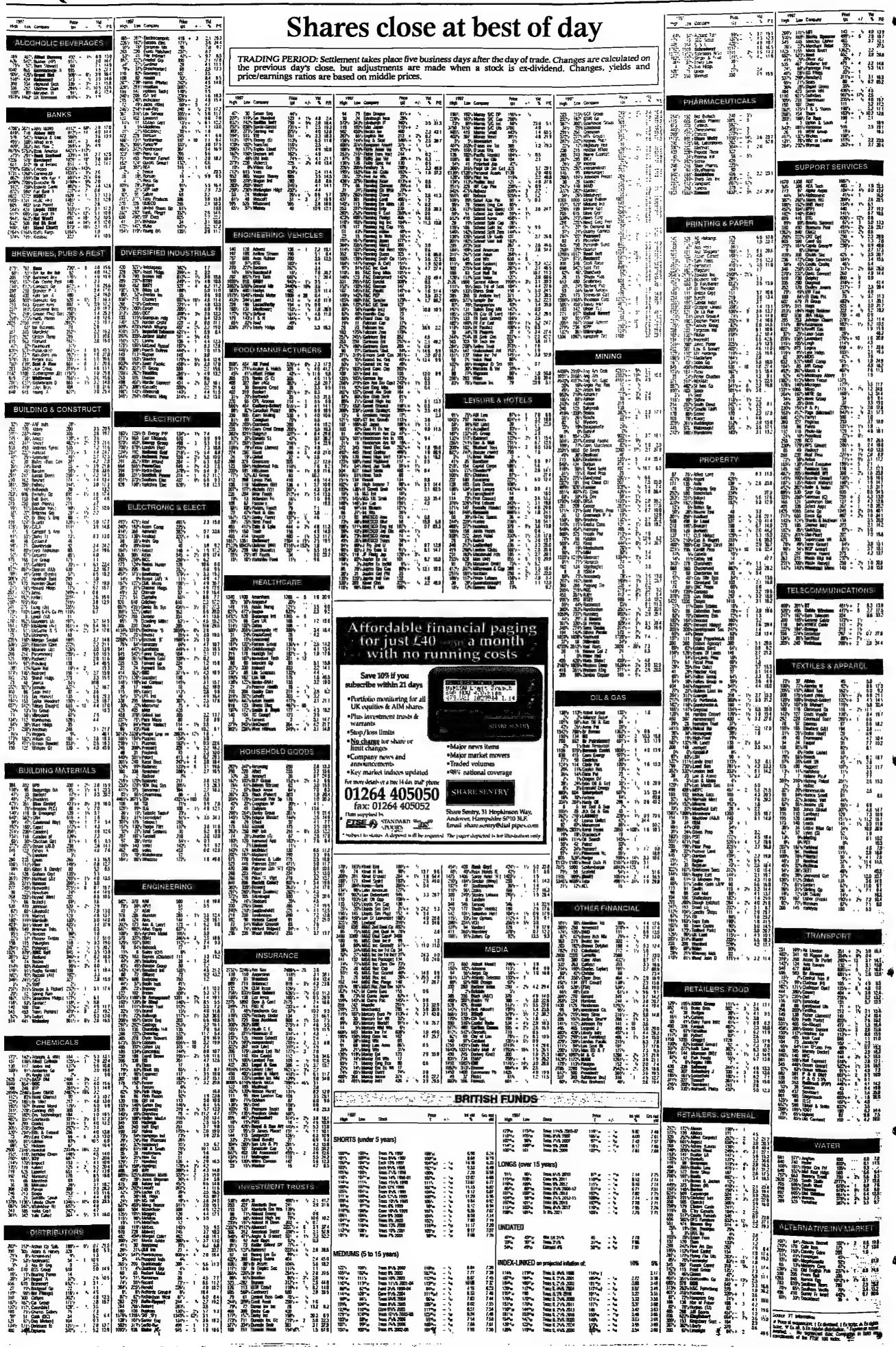
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Staveley to sell division as part of refocusing

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Harry Tuley, chairman, said: The recent strategic

review has confirmed the

board's belief that increasing

the focus on our services

businesses will create excel-

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Staveley Measurements

comprises Weigh-Tronix and

Salter Weighing, Chronos

Richardson Systems and Staveley NDT Technologies.

The division generated operating profits of £5.6 million in 1995-96 from sales of £135.6

Mr Hitchens said: "We had

to make a decision in terms of

focusing. And we decided to

focus on services which have

better growth prospects and

more investment opportuni-

ties. We couldn't afford to

invest in both services and

Staveley Minerals, the UK

salt and brine businesses, will

not be sold even though Mr

Hitchens conceded that there are no synergy benefits. The division is being kept for its

strong profit and cash

After the strategic review.

the group expects to have "a

stronger balance sheet and

more focused approach to

enhance significantly the

growth rate of the services

The shares responded to the

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TONY BLAIR

STAVELEY INDUSTRIES is to sell its £135 million measurements business as part of a strategic review that will see the group focus on the service sector.

Roy Hitchens, the chief executive, said he would prefer to sell Staveley Measurements as one business but may consider selling off parts of it if that would

Venture capital deals top £3bn

BY ROBERT MILLER

BRITISH venture capital companies had another bumper year in 1996, investing a record £3.2 billion worldwide.

Annual figures published yesterday by the British Venture Capital Association (BVCA) show that investment in the UK rose by 31 per cent last year to £28 hillion. In the past five years UK investment by venture capital firms has nearly tripled from E989 million

The venture capital industry provides funding for young companies but its main source of growth has been in backing manbuy-ins and buyouts. Investment in start-ups and other early-stage companies rose 54 per cent to £131 million but as dwarfed by the record £2.1 billion invested in buy-ins and buyouts.

The average size of fi-nancing in deals done last year increased to £2.3 million from £1.9 million. The lion's share of funding with £1.2 billion and it doubled in the North West to £355 million and to £82 million in East Anglia.

David Quysner, chairman of the BVCA, said: "Investment into venture capital funds needs to be increased and sustained so that the industry can continue to play its vital role in supporting the successful high-growth businesses of tomorrow that create real jobs and boost the UK economy.



John McGrath, left, and George Buil have overseen a series of disposals in the past 12 months

GrandMet sells Aunt Nellies

By Alasdair Murray

GRAND METROPOLITAN. the drinks and food company. will take a £39 million charge at the half-year stage after the sale yesterday of its US fruit and vegetable business for GrandMet is disposing of

the Aunt Nellies Farm Kitchas part of The Pillsbury Company in 1988 and is being sold to Seneca Foods. The company said the exceptional charge included £28 million of previously written-off goodwill. The business broke even on a turnover of \$50 million

Paul Walsh, chief executive of Pillsbury, said the sale was part of the o BIYS OTIVE TO dispose of low-return businesses. Grand Met has made a

series of disposals, including the sale of most of its European food operations, since John McGrath took over as group chief executive last year, succeeding George Bull, tho is now the chairman. Shares in the company rose

to a five-year high, advancing continuing positive comment from analysts.

Andersen warning over end of PRP

ARTHUR ANDERSEN, which claims to be a pioneer of profitrelated pay (PRP), believes that the phasing out of tax relief on such schemes between now and the year 2000 will push up wage costs for all British businesses. Costs could rise as much as 8.4 per cent, according to an Arthur Andersen survey.

The business advisors believe that retailing, banking and the media, where profit-related schemes are common, will be especially hit but that the ripple effects will extend to the wider business community.

Arthur Andersen believes that more than 14,000 business es covering 3.7 million workers could be affected. Brian Friedman, head of Andersen human capital services, says: "In many cases there is no easy replacement, so it is a question of how the extra tax is shared between employers and staff.

While it is too early to make definite predictions, at least one third of respondents are looking simply to revert to pre-PRP arrangements. Such a strategy will impose inevitable pain on employees and may eventually push up costs for employers too.

"Unless a PRP exit strategy is clearly communicated to employees, they will feel they are losing out. Employers will then find they have been boxed into expedient action and may end up having to adopt the most expensive PRP replacement option.

"A typical business would experience an extra 3.5 per cent increase in its payroll costs, if forced to top up employees pay. In extreme cases, the costs could be as much as 8.4 per cent."

Arthur Andersen said that on March 31 two thirds of respondents to its survey had not told staff of the implications of the phasing out of PRP. The consultants say: "An average employ-ee earning £20,000 a year stands to lose £2,070 over the next three years as tax relief on PRP is phased out. Once wage packets are hit in spring 1998, employees will be concerned. Employers should plan replacement programmes now."

Routes for exiting from PRP include share-based incentive salaries, benefit packages and making up shortfalls in pay.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Symonds uncovers 'holes in accounts'

SYMONDS, the engineering group, vesterday said that it had discovered "significant breaches of internal controls" in its precision engineering division. The company, based in Cheshunt, Hernfordshire, issued a profits warning earlier this month. It has appointed Arthur Andersen, the firm of accountants, to investigate. Rod Ackrill, Symonds's chairman, said: "We have found some holes in the accounts which have managed to wipe out the division's profits for this year. But they won't wipe out the group's profits." Mr Ackrill said that the group's recent acquisitions and its core electronic assembly and printed circuitboard businesses had performed in line with or exceeded expectations.

However. Symonds yesterday gave warning that its pre-tax profits were likely to be lower than expected. An estimate of the results is expected to be included in a trading statement next month, while the final results are scheduled to be announced in June. Meanwhile, Ken Garner, who was dismissed as managing director of the precision engineering division earlier this month, has been replaced by Pat Curren, who joins Symonds from Burnfield, the engineering group based in Solihull, West Midlands.

AT&T hit by launch costs

AT&T, the world's largest telephone company and British Telecom's main international competitor, reported a 17 per cent drop in first-quarter profits to \$1.13 billion, held back by the launch costs of several new operations. A new online business and expanded local and international services pushed up AT&T's expenses but analysts said the results were in line with expectations. Revenues advanced marginally to \$13.05 billion for the quarter as performance improved on local phone services and other operations.

British Fittings expands

BRITISH FITTINGS, the stockholding and distribution company, is expanding its business through the £2.8 million acquisition of the pipeline equipment distribution arm of J Saville Gordon (Tubes & Fittings). British Fittings will assume responsibility for paying trade creditors and will collect £3.6 million of debt of Saville's behalf. The purchased business made a pre-tax profit of £760,000 last year on sales of £13.5 million. British Fitting is funding the deal by issuing 1.5 million shares at 113p.

Bisichi lifts profits 41%

BISICHI MINING, the mining investment company, raised pre-tax profits 41 per cent to £161,000 in the year to December 31. Net assets rose 1 per cent to £6.14 million and earnings were up 48 per cent to 1.35p a share. The dividend increased 8 per cent to 0.81p The company returned to fullscale mining production for the first time since 1983 and expects the Black Wattle Colliery in South Africa to make a good contribution in 1997 because of strong demand for low-cost extraction coal. The shares rose 2p to 33 p.

Hamlet buys in JRI

HAMLET GROUP, the distribution group, is buying in the 49 per cent minority in its subsidiary JRI for £3.75 million. Hamlet is paying £250,000 cash and reducing inter-company debt by £3.5 million. JRI made £3.2 million in the 15 months to June 30, 1996, on sales of £38.8 million. Acquisition of the minority is subject to shareholder approval. The company also announced the appointment of John Lusher, a former main board director of Marks & Spencer, as chairman to replace Malcolm Dagul, who resigns at the end of the month.

Zeneca invests £17m in fungicide plant

By PAUL DURMAN

ZENECA Agrochemicals is supporting the sales growth of its new fungicide by investing a further £17 million at its manufacturing plant in Grangemouth in Scotland.

The investment will create about 50 jobs in a new formulation and packaging facility for Zeneca's Amistar fungicide. The company has previously spent £22 million on a plant in Grangemouth to make the active ingredient in Amistar.

Since Amistar was first licensed in Germany in April last year, it has gained registrations on 12 crops in 14 countries. Zeneca said that these included cereals

and vines in Europe, bananas in Central America and turigrass in the US. The company expects sales to accelerate as additional registrations are Amistar is effective against

a wide range of fungal dis-cases that have become resistant to existing fungicides. Zeneca also said its new

Ell million plant at Cold Creek, Alabama, has begun producing a key constituent Deter Doyle, the Zeneca director in charge of research and development, has joined

the board of Oxford Molecular, the drug design software

Cirqual spending £14m

CIRQUAL, the specialist engineering group, is spending £14.7 million on buying RFI. an electronic components supplier, and Thomas Wild Forgings, a private metal-forging and casting business (Chris

The biggest outlay is for RFI, which is being bought for £9 million from Siebe, the

facturer. Both purchases are being funded by increased

bank borrowings. Cirqual's interim results for the six months to February 28 showed pre-tax profits doubling from £1.34 million to £2.78 million. Turnover was also up. from £9.19 million to £13.47 million



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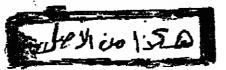
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Passion and power of Dürer's saint



Durer's Saint Jerome: the young artist shows profound sympathy with the torment of an old man testify to a deepening involvement order to paint his panel.

triking his chest with a stone, Saint Jerome atones for past sins in a landscape as wild as his own emotions. The penitent's only companions are a lion, resting after the removal of a thorn from his paw, and two birds poised by a stream, But Jerome pays no attention to them. Absorbed in the ferocity of remorse, he kneels before a crucifix and punishes himself without

flinching.
Although Albrecht Dürer was in his mid-twenties when he painted this small panel, it is fired by a profound sympathy with the torment of an old man. None of the scholarship and ecclesiastical renown Jerome accumulated during his long career avails him now. Driven by abject self-abasement into a hermit-like existence, he has lung his cardinal's robe and hat on the ground. The scarlet garment lies crumpled in a tangle of grass and plants, its fur-lined collar still curved into the shape of his neck.

No longer feeling that he deserves to be arrayed with such magnificence, Jerome bares his bald head, withered arms and bruised torso to the mountain air. He wants, like King Lear, to cast off worldly lustre and expose himself to "what wretches feel". Even the Bible, which secured his high reputation when he translated it into Latin, is used here merely as a prop to help him to retain his balance. Its pages offer no consolation as he strains upwards, searching for absolution in the heavens.

Since Dürer's painting is so diminutive, he could have been excused for concentrating on Jerome alone. But the fascination of this remarkably intense image, now the subject of a special exhibition at the National Gallery, arises from its all-encompassing scope. Far from focusing on one man's plight, Dürer defies his panel's physical limits and offers a vision of the macrocosm surrounding Jerome in all its immensity.

The young artist's ability to perform such a feat had been sharpened by a trip to Venice in LVS. His Albine watercolours

with close observation of nature. The knowledge gained during these studies helps to give the countryside in the National Gallery's painting its first-hand freshness, and the panel's extraordinary luminosity shows how much he must have learnt from his encounters with Venetian art, Bellini's Saint Jerome Reading in a Landscape, executed about a decade before Dürer's painting, is suffused with an alert, sensuous awareness of the sun's transforming impact on

a craggy locale. The achieved by Dürer surely owes a great debt to his Italian contemporaries, and the National Gallery's panel was for many years ascribed to the Veronese artist

Francesco Caroto. The longer we look at this hallucinatory picture, however, the more it seems the unmistakable product of a northtion. Dürer has no interest in echoing the

serenity of Bellini's hermit, who sits on a rock and examines his biblical text with complete calm.

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In Dürer's troubled version the lion is given a substantial role, reclining next to Jerome and staring with a pent-up power that might easily erupt in sudden action. The bullfunch and goldfunch by the water, clearly identifiable despite their microscopic size, are within perilous range of his paw. Durer defines their plumag

and the pebbles on the bank of the stream, with a naturalist's precision. Of all German Renaissance artists, he was the one who best exemplified his era's awakening insistence on an empirical scrutiny of nature. Watercolours included in the exhibition prove how intently he explored the minutiae of rock formations in a quarry near his Nuremberg home, or the interplay between water, pines and sky in an especially limpid scene. Even though some spontaneity was lost, Durer's rapt response still anidense accumulation of knowledge about the landscapes he had studied. But there is nothing pedantic about his determination to pack sections of the picture with an abundance of plant-life and heavily foliated trees.

Above all else, he ensures that the landscape contributes to the emotional turbulence experienced by the saint himself. Looking at this image, we gradually realise how many of its diverse elements end up conveying the pressure inside the

rock face surging above the lion is vertiginous 6 Even the ness in the most sea-Bible is no soned climber. Firs threaten to tumble from consolation its heights, and this unsteadiness affects Jerome's body as well. His left knee juts out searches for awkwardly as it struggles to remain secure. Jagged folds of drapery gather around thigh

and calf alike, accentuating his bodily strain. He seems almost as liable to fall as the crucifix in front of him, perched so insecurely in the stripped and rotting fibre of a dead tree-trunk. Even the Gothic church spire in the forest behind seems about to be engulfed by oppressive vegetation,

pressing against it from every side. No wonder the old man looks apprehensive as he searches for a gn in the firmsment. Unlike Bellini's Jerome, Dürer's saint sports a beard riddled with convoluted waves. They seem to be the outward manifestation of his own nervous energy, and the tension finds no release in the sky blazing above a snowy mountain range on the horizon. Strips of brilliant yellow cast a barbarous glow on the land glimpsed beyond the saint's outstretched right arm, making the earth appear to be streaked with

Still more disturbing are the clouds agitating the space Dürer gives them. In an engraving of the subject ne produced around the

weeds continue to sprout at the top of the picture. In the painting, by contrast, an unusually generous amount of the composition is given over to sky alone. And the clouds patches swirl and writhe in front of their paler counterparts, giving them all a gathering instability. The suspicion that they might be

reacting to some greater cosmic turbulence is confirmed by the mysterious image painted on the reverse of the panel. Executed with a slashing freedom reminiscent of the apocalyptic paintings made by Ludwig Meidner just before the First World War, it exchanges the clarity of the other side for tantalising clusiveness. But it appears to centre on a yellow fireball. giving off scarlet rays while shooting across a dark sky. Since Durer's parents knew the astrono-mer Bernhard Walther, who helped to conduct pioneering investigations into comets, he may have based this painting on scientific research. In 1492 a meteor fell in Germany, and Dürer was himself able to scan the heavens after buying Walther's house with its built-in observatory.

Il the same, his willing-ness to flick particles of paint into this spattered image removes it from the realms of scientific illustration. It looks more like a nightmare experienced by the artist, a portent of the apocalypse he went on to depict in his celebrated series of woodcuts inspired by the Revelations of Saint John. There, burning stars rain on a defenceless population. Here, in the painted panel, the explosion on one side is not allowed to invade the landscape on the other. But the threat of obliteration is palpable enough, and Jerome is supposed to have heard the trumpets sounding the Last Judgment as he assailed his own flesh. Hence the overriding mood of suspense in a complex work where, even as Dürer rejoices in the richness of the natural world. he emphasises its alarming

same time, trees and monstrous Gallery (0171-747 2885) until June 8

RETWEEN Ireland and London, in the never-never-land beyond passport control in the apparently endless tubular corridors at Heathrow's smart new Pier 4a, are a series of deliberate, well-judged artistic interventions. Complaints about the length of the walkways prompted the BAA, advised by the Public Art Development Trust, to give three Irish artists a rare opportunity to try out repetition on a non-stop, not necessarily willing audience. In a strange, unnerving take, where what seems to be a reflection in a mirror turns out to be a precise and exact copy running down the other side, Andrew Kearney's elaborately rounded counters protrude from the wall like closed sea anenomes. Each carries a numerical count which

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AROUND THE GALLERIES

the passing of each passenger. In the middle of the journey, Philip Napier has shunted up a mass of black and white printed place names from the front of Irish buses till they appear from far away to be a sea of pointillist painting. From close up a mass of familiar as well as unknown names are accompanied by the melodious sound of names read out in Gaelic. In the last section, Points of View by Frances Hegarty, a number of photographic portraits of past passengers have been adjusted, extended, distorted in the computer until they work with the movement along the conveyor walkway.

Heathrow Airport, Terminal 1, Pier 4a (0181-745 7224) until December.

THREE photographs and two paintings from the Eighties by Julian Schnabel, the last big "romantic" painter, are on show at Timothy Taylor Gallery. Bucephalus (1988), a large painting upon a dirty tarpaulin. has chunky lettering spelling nothing much painted across it, yet despite the fact that such grand paintings are out of fashion, it still looks good. Timothy Taylor Gallery, I Bruton Place, London WI (0171-409 3344).

☐ AT Laurent Delaye there is a mixed show, curated by Margaret Murray, of image-packed new American painting. Cheryl Donegan shows a few dull unstretched

canvases, while three video monitors show the artist in various stages of making a painting. Christian Schumann's Eterno shows pill bottles and teardrops in a colourful caricature cartoon vision. "Naughty" Nicola Eisenman has set up a display like a windowsill at a seaside junk shop, interwoven with her slightly adolescent doodles and cheeky drawings. Across the surface of Steve DiBenedetto's Cathedral a network of detail spins together a highly coloured web of receding perspective. Alexis Rockman shows a world above and below the water line; the atmosphere is sultry, sinister and tropical. Laurent Delaye Gallery, 22 Barrett Street, London WI (0171-629 5905),

until May 24.

SACHA CRADDOCK

because you might push the wrong button. I think that's how I feel; if I'm any kind of

role model. I'm the one who is

reasonable, who doesn't take

on too much."
But hold on a minute:

Moseley's modern Socratic di-

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fiction novel, and the next

Easy Rawlins mystery, Bad

Boy Bobby Brown, is on its

way. Then there's movies, plays, his Black Genius road

show ... does the man Ameri-

ca listens to listen to himself?

• Gone Fishin' is published by

Much too late the heroine

ith a brace of hit singles, a platinum-selling album and numerous awards to her credit (including a Brit for Best Female Artist), Gabrielle is one of the most successful of the British singers operating on the soul/pop interface. Strangely, Gabrielle did not

make her entrance until after the nine-piece band had warmed up with a largely instrumental funk work-out. thus eschewing the first rule of showbiz: always make a strong first impression. When she did appear, elegantly clad in a long black dress and matching jacket and shades, it was full speed ahead into a set that comprised much of her second, eponymous album.

I Live in Hope and Baby, I've Changed reveal Gabrielle's knack for combining the emotive phrasing of seminal Motown scul with the musical accourrements of the contemporary pop ballad. The effect is that the songs walk a precarious tightrope between the profound and the bland.

bered, Always Outgunned are published in October. Last week he finished a science-Gabrielle's deep, smoky voice is just the right mix of knowing world-weariness and smoochy sensuality but it is at its most poignant during Alone, when Gabrielle's mournful tones are accompanied by a sole acoustic guitar.



POP CONCERT

Gabrielle Olympia, Dublin

Most of the time, however, there is a small army of musicians and backing sing-ers on stage who, though slick and highly competent, seem to coast through the show in third gear, leaving the predominantly female crowd relatively subdued.

There was only widespread dancing in the seats during the encore, when Gabrielle sang her three most popular hits, the Bacharach/David classic Walk on By, Give Me a Little More Time and Dreams.

To return to showbiz tactics for a moment. Gabrielle would have been better ad-vised to play one of these trump cards earlier in the show instead of lumping them together at the end, when the game was all but lost.

NICK KELLY

Private eye firmly in the public ear

These days, Walter Moseley is less a writer of detective stories than an American icon. Hettie Judah reports

mesmerising to watch; elo-quent, wise, witty and selfeffacing. His woebegone patriarch's face could travel from A day later, Moseley eases back on a sofa and lodges a can of Coke in the crook of his knee. I ask him whether Macmillan's blockbuster. emphatic concern to an ironic Yes. Miss Daisy" in seconds. It was like watching Moses doing stand-up comedy. In the intervening decade. Moseley has written nine novels, a couple of screenplays and been heralded as the hottest crime writer of his generation and a major voice in Afro-American fiction. On the 1992 campaign trail, Bill

Clinton flashed Moseley's novels like badges of credibility. already there."
Unlike Macmillan's com-"Easy" Rawlins. Moseley's reluctant hero, is officially the President's favourite detective. Moseley's NFT appearance

coincided with the publication of Gone Fishin', a novel featuring Rawlins and his psychopathic sidekick, Mouse, in pre-Second World War Texas. The novel is as fecund and bizarre as the bayou that spawned it, explaining the deep bond between the gentle Everyman Easy and the murderous Mouse. Far from being a derivative "prequel", this was the original Rawlins novel, written in 1988, shortly after his computer programming epiphany. Asked why Gone Fishin had to wait nine years for publication. Moseley joked that the book was written "PTM - pre-Teri Macmillan".

To the second se

Waiting to Exhale, really made such a difference to black authors. She broke a barrier for black writers. he "A black audience says. A black audience bought the book en masse: it identified with the book and would buy more books. She opened up the market, or pointed out a market that was

fortable middle-class world,



Walter Moseley, hegetter of cult hero Easy Rawlins

Gone Fishin' lingers long on the visceral. It is soaked in voodoo, fish guts, patricide, bloated toads and a grotesque scene with sausage fat. Moseley freely admits that he never holds back on physical description. "For poor blacks living in the deep South, violence is a way of life. You don't have much, but the little bit you have, you have to

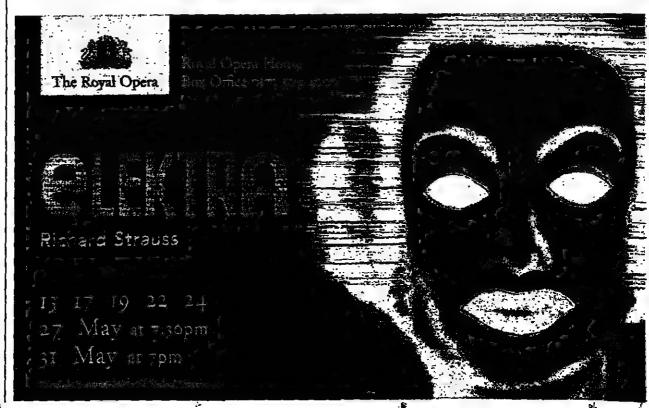
Moseley's written language is exquisitely observed; a rich, accepting dialect. "Simple language is dangerous language." he says. "Language that tells the truth, that you can understand, is dangerous; language that is flowery and obfuscated and removed into some kind of scholarliness is not taking any risks."

For all his determined realism, this is not Moseley's own language, and the experiences he details are those of a generation before him. "I lived in a neighbourhood in Los Angeles where most of the people had come from the deep South. When I was a child the stories I heard were from the deep South; obviously those are the stories that I would first start writing."

Eventually Moseley brought the characters of the unpublished Gone Fishin' lor-

ward to 1948, following the black migration from the South to the jazz-soaked, crime-ridden streets of Los Angeles. The result was Devil in a Blue Dress, recently made into a film as excellent as the book. It, and its successors, were published as detective fiction, but the problem-solving genre is used almost as an excuse to tackle problem issues: McCarthyism, rape within marriage, child prosti-tution... He has also founded Black Genius, a panel of 14 speakers including himself and the film director Spike Lee, which discusses everyday problems with local audiences - first in New York, but soon across the country.

is status in America is now such that a walk-L on part in his favourite television sitcom has been discussed. His growing potency as a black icon is apparent. Does he not feel crushed by responsibility? "I remember my father - who was no Republican - saying: There's one thing I liked about Eisenhower. he went to work at nine, he worked until five, and after that he went home. If you are the President, that's a hard job. You can't get exhausted, you can't get overly tired.





CHOICE 1

Cheek by Jowl stages Tennessee Williams's rare Out Cry

VENUE: Now in preview at the Lyric, Hammersmith

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts complied by Gillian Maxey

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CHOICE 2

Curtain up on The Admirable Crichton, staged by Michael Rudman VENUE: Chichester Festival, from tonight

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E CHOICE 3

Tominy Cooper's spirit is evoked in the play Frankie and Tommy VENUE: Opens tonight.



FILM

The master restored: Alfred Hitchcock's Vertigo comes up fresh in a new print

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Hitch from a hodgepodge

The re-release of

Vertigo is a triumph of the film restorer's

art, W. Stephen Gilbert reports

t is a measure of the genius of Alfred Hitchcock that so many of his L movies are hailed as his masterpiece. The 39 Steps. The Vanishes, Rebecca, Strangers on a Train, Rear Window, North by Northwest, Psycho and The Birds are widely touted; a dozen more can lay claim to the palm. But for anyone who relishes

the tradition of rapture and delirium in Hollywood filmmaking, his pièce de résistance is that haunting, dreamlike melodrama of 1958 Vertigo. The film's switchback reputation and its status as a quondam "lost movie" are entirely at one with its fiercely debated merits.

The movie is set in the properly vertiginous city of San Francisco. Scottie Ferguson is retired from the police when afflicted by vertigo after seeing a colleague fail to his death. An old acquaintance enlists Ferguson's help to tail his wife, who seems to be possessed by an Hispanic ancestor. The pursuit becomes obsessive, all the more so once Ferguson has stopped Madeleine drowning herself. But his vertigo prevents him from saving her when she leaps from a Spanish mission tower.

Driven deeper into illness, Ferguson meets an office clerk who is strikingly like his dead love. He inveigles himself into Judy's regard and gradually persuades her to make herself over into a simulacrum of Madeleine. Unwittingly, she betrays the set-up into which Ferguson has blundered and. in recreating the staged suicide, he precipitates the exorcism of the ghost.

lilms exploring identity and duality existed before, but those proliferating since owe a vast debt to Vertigo, none more explicitly than the Brian De Palma obeisance, Obsession, and Mel Brooks's Hitch spoof, High Anxiety. But the film's most perva-

sive single influence has been a camera trick, the simultaneous forward zoom and reverse track Hitchcock devised with cinematographer Robert Burks to convey the disorientating effect of vertigo. This device, now the standard method of signalling panic or fear, has recurred in seeming-



James Katz (left) and Robert Harris, who have reconstructed the Vertigo Alfred Hitchcock filmed, but never saw

ly every other Hollywood movie from Jaws to Get Shorty: it even turned up in Dennis Potter's Karaoke. Vertigo itself fell. For some

years, a group of Hitchcock movies for Paramount dropped out of circulation. Londoners did get a chance to see them by hearing on the grapevine that the cavernous old Scala cinema at King's Cross was having an occasional illicit screening. The tale was that Hitchcock himself had wilfully decreed that the prints be suppressed. The truth is necessarily

shabbier. They were junked by Paramount. "We were looking for the three-stripe magnetic track for Vertigo," says James Katz, "and we dug out this memo dated April 1967 confirming the destruction of the track. At once we knew that the same had happened to Rear Window, The Man Who Knew Too Much and The Trouble with Harry."

"We also found that this was not a decision made by Hitchcock." adds Robert Harris. "It was made by a lawyer with no film background who didn't know what he was suggesting when he said 'junk it'. Harris and Katz, whose

restorations include Sparta-

cus. My Fair Lady and Lawrence of Arabia, then spent 36 months bringing the Vertigo negative to its full glory.

"It really wasn't until the diligent," Katz says. Studios that acquired libraries - as Universal did Para-

least aware of the value." Restoring sound is just one of the tasks. The track of Bernard Herrmann's evocative music turned up in a Paramount vault. "Interestingly enough, that was re-

says Katz, "because of the musicians' strike in 1958. After one day the London musicians sympathised with the American unions and they had to finish the recording in Vienna." The London material was in steren, the Viennese mono, but the score is now remastered as full stereo.

Meanwhile, the aspect ratio has undergone dramatic change. The current Vertigo

dimension known as Academy, which sits snugly in the television frame. But Vertigo was shot in Paramount's short-lived process called

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prints are in the convenient VistaVision, which used standard 35mm film to achieve a wide-screen effect. It was Katz says with feeling. introduced on White

Christmas, but the exhibitors balked at the requirement to install new projectors, and the handful of movies shot in VistaVision were generally seen reduction-printed Academy, but with no loss of frame. The one benefit to audiences was a sharper picture.

For Vertigo, Katz and Harris have created a format they call SuperVistaVision 70.

"Rather than reduction-printing it." says Harris, "we've done a field enlargement of probably less than 10 per cent to fill the 70mm frame vertically, and then matted the sides to standard wide-screen dimension." Hitchcock, Katz observes, never saw the film in

Half a reel of work-in-

progress was shown at the San Francisco Film Festival a year ago, and the first screening of the full fruit of Harris and Katz's long labour was at the Ziegfeld Theatre in New York last October. "It's easier and quicker to make a new movie than to restore an old one."

A criticism the movie originally attracted concerned its bleak end. Harris and Katz have turned up a discarded pay-off sequence marking the apprehension of the villain. "We added that to the laserdisc version, out of deference to Hitchcock." Katz says. "His family gave us permission because we all felt that the laser-disc is the definitive record of the movie. But it's separate from the film. It was made for censorship reasons, and we've made that clear."

He underlines the integrity of the work. "The word 'restoration' is handled about as a marketing term when people are just making prints off old negatives." "What we do", Harris interjects, "is create a new 65mm negative that's all cut together from different things. When it's projected on the screen you won't be able to

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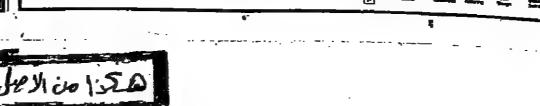
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By the time the road opened in 1987 - with a junction only yards from the 400-acre farm at Abbotsham - Michael and Julie Turner, who were sheep and arable farmers, had decided to use their new accessibility to create a tourist industry, focused on sheep. Mr Turner then decided to start a milking flock and dairy that would be central to the

After several years' exten-sive research, and obtaining planning permission, they started the Big Sheep in 1988 along with their son, Ric. who had just left coilege with a degree in agriculture.

That year 20,000 visitors arrived and the new venture won the English Tourist Board's award, England for Excellence. It also achieved a distinction in the British Tourist Authority's "Come to Britain" category

Although the Big Sheep is open all year, the busiest time begins at Easter. Generally there are 600 sheep (many more at lambing time), of which 200 are milked - a visitor attraction in itself.

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At first this was made by the Turners. Mr Turner is chairman of the British Sheep Dairying Association and he and his wife learnt the craft by attending a course in Scotland. The farm has won a certificate for quality produce at the International Cheese

Other sheep milk products have been added: ice cream (made on site and sold at, among other places, Bideford's theatre), fudge and some ten flavours of yoghurt. These are contracted out, us-

ing the farm's milk. The Big Sheep is currently attracting 100,000 visitors annually; perhaps more this season because the 1997 Good Guide to Britain has named it Devon's family attraction of the year. The secret, says Mr Turner, is to have live shows and demonstrations, not

cater for everyone from a three-year-old to a granny." Local people are trained to demonstrate spinning and weaving in the farm shop, which sells rugs and knitwear, and takes orders for pullovers handknitted from Big Sheep wool. This year a second, covered adventure play-ground will open — the first is open-air — and catering has

There are daily sheep dog trials and even sheep racing: at 3.20 every afternoon six animals compete along a 200 yard course from paddock to milking parlour. In an area of high unem-

been extended. Originally this

was managed by Mrs Turner, who provided home cooking.

ployment, the Big Sheep employs more than 20 people in winter, about half of them full time, and twice this number in the summer. Ric Turner, who is 31, is

applying for funding from the European Union in order to increase the number of jobs and shows. The venture, he says, has borrowed "several hundred thousand pounds" from Midland Bank, and turnover is well above £500,000.

The Big Sheep has become a leading open farm. Ric Turner says: "We spent three years trying to stop the road being built, but now it brings a lot of visitors — school groups, perties of adults. People come for a day out, a good time. It's light-hearted fun — a theatre

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Small firms form backbone of what will be world's largest industry

TOURISM and small businesses are vital to each other. By the year 2000, according to the Scottish Tourist Board, tourism will be the largest industry worldwide, ied mainly by small firms. In England, more than 90 per cent of tourist-related businesses have fewer than ten staff, while Welsh tourism employs 9 per cent of the

working population. Small independent enterprises form the industry's backbone, offering B&B, self-catering and small ho-tels, while 134 farms, accredited by the Welsh Tourist Board, have formed local self-marketing consortiums. Among outdoor pursuits are riding, pony trekking and mountain biking. In Scotland, sole operators offer hill climbing or walking pack-ages with guiding.

Standards matter. Training schemes, often subsidised, range from courses for managers and employees who deal with the public, disabled people and foreign visitors, through basic instruction in languages such as Japanese.

Scotland runs Tourism Business Success: eight optional modules, such as mar-keting and finance, that count towards a National Vocational Qualification.

"Tourism is a good line for small businesses, provided they have high standards, good service, join the local tourist board and take training courses," says Mark Dowling, develop-ment director for South East

England region. Many ventures have addon attractions: vineyards may include a shop and/or restaurant; there is one that

even has a herd of liamas. Risebridge Farm Holiday Cottages, a self-catering family business with ten cottages on a former hop farm at Goudhurst, provides indoor swimming, squash, badminton and a gym. For self-employed people

there is guiding - but it is best to have a Blue Badge. This requires an expensive two years of training, strinexamination to weed out the doubtful.

Philip Gelling, a London Blue Badge guide for 12 years, says that a second language especially a less well-known one — is an asset.

Guiding is well paid, with the added bonus of having the freedom to decide when you work. London has some 900 guides; others operate in Scot-land, Wales and the regions.

Other possibilities include a theme restaurant, such as Capital Radio and Football Football, or a special-interest Bramah Tea and Coffee

Museum attracts international visitors "who see Britain as synonymous with tea", says Edward Bramah. He opened it in 1992 in a 10,000 sq ft old warehouse near Tower

Bridge.
This year Mr Bramah expects 30,000 visitors - some arriving by the Pool of London ferry to Butler's Wharf - to see his 350-year social and commercial history of tea and coffee, which includes videos and refreshments.

In addition to the collection, there is the cost of premises, display cabinets and marketing, says Mr Bramah, who once worked on a tea plantation.

It is worth seeking sources of start-up funding. For example, Wales offers capital grant aid to encourage start-ups (with a promising business plan) that will provide jobs or expand or create a market.

Tourist boards: England 0181-846 9000; Scotland 0131-332 2433; Wales 01222 499909.



Farmers have grown to appreciate visitors

A FARM holiday has moved far beyond providing pin money for the farmer's wife: today it means business for both farm and locality.

"Tourism and farming are very important here," says Pamela Broadhurst, who offers self-catering and B&B at the traditional hill farm run by her husband, Nicholas, in Derbyshire's Peak District.

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years ago with a self-catering cottage. This proved so popular that she and her husband converted a barn, then opened the house's Tudor wing, also for self-catering. More recent-ly, they provided two bedrooms and a family room for B&B guests.

The English Tourist Board's inspection and grading system rates the premises "highly

lined curtains, fitted carpets, two bedside lights and modcons. "Service and standards are vital," says Mrs Broadhurst, "People expect the same as at home, if not better."

Mrs Broadhurst is a director and East Midlands representative of the Farm Holiday Bureau (FHB), which began in 1983 with government funding and is now a co-operative for

Those in areas of need may obtain grants for footpaths. faxes, computers and so on. The bureau publishes an annual guide, Stay on a Farm. In Devon, farm holiday turn-

over exceeded £1.5 million in 1995, part of a farm visitor spend of \$2.75 million. Last autumn, Devon Farms Growth Initiative (DFGI) secured £60,000 over three years - of Agriculture. Fisheries and Food - to improve their IT system, enhance and market their brochure and help each farm to buy a fax. Now the DFGI and FHB are expanding

into Europe via the Internet. "We've run some training to increase our professionalism and generate more business, explains Bridget Cole, herself a farmer's wife offering hospital-

The scheme — backed by the Rural Development Commission, Dartmoor National Park and local authorities - has a visitor helpline run by Jill Balkwill, another farm caterer near Kingsbridge, to put potential clients in touch with vacancies at 120 member farms.

Devon Farms helpline: 01548 550312. Family Holiday Bu-

Boatman aims to stay afloat

production, Peter Woodley was unable to get a job, so he turned his boating hobby

Mr Woodley started in 1994, investing £120,000, which included a bank loan with his house as security. When the first season ended he was £120,000 in the red. The house is now being sold, which will put the business back in the black. Mr

Meanwhile, his turnover — £160,000 last year — is moving in the right direction, helped by repairs and refitting.

parties and a four-berth narrowboat.

Mr Woodley, who has four employees and casual help, finds costs are the biggest worry. He says that rem — for water, land and buildings — and rates are high in terms of likely income. In addition, licensing fees have risen. Survival depends on expansion, so this year he hopes to borrow £250,000 from Business Angels to start a hotel boat service between Greenwich and Windsor. "You don't make much money hiring boats," he says, "but it is the most

wonderfal life." Drifting along the waterways on an all-mod-cons narrowboat will draw 250,000 holidaymakers in 1997. Drifters, a consortium of independent holiday boat operators, markets the attractions of a miles of British Waterways. One of its members, Rose Narrowboats, near Rugby, has been hiring boats for more than 20 years. It has 23 craft - five for weekend and midweek breaks - and a day boat. The company builds its own vessels, has Il full-time employees and part-timers and is owned and run by two families.

Bryan Ambrose, a director, emphasises the need for sound financial advice, especially as earnings are seasonal. "This is a very capital-intensive business — boats are expensive to maintain," he says. Marketing is another important item. The biggest worry is to be ready, with all the boats painted, at the start of the season. The best part is his customers' satisfaction after a relaxing holiday.

Drifters: 0345 626252.

Anglo Welsh hire company, of Bristol, as well as two craft for Scouts and school short break, a week or longer, on 2,000 AT 48, after a career in TV and film

into Adelaide Marine Limited, a small boat hire firm in Norwood Green,

Woodley, his wife and their cat occupy a flat at the boat yard at Adelaide Dock on Grand Union Canal.

which form the larger part of the business. He has ten boats, including two narrow and five wide beam, bookable through

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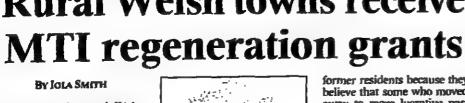
Rural Welsh towns receive

of equivalent accounts in the four leading high street banks. The rate will be set FIVE towns in rural Wales will receive regeneration grant aid under the £800,000 Euroon the 12th of each month. Current rates are 2.79 per cent up to £9,999; 2.9 per cent above £10,000; 3.1 per cent above £25,000; and 3.27 per cent above £100,000. ☐ The MacDonald Partnership, the insolvency practi-

tioner, has produced a 312in disk for Windows, giving legal guidance on what to do if a debtor enters an insolvency arrangement. A-Z of Rescue and Insolvency is free from 0171-351 4200.

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☐ Good planning for the sale of a business can take three years, says a new free guide from Deloitte & Touche. The guide, Selling Your Business, includes advice on tax breaks, negotiating and confidentiality. and warns vendors that purchasers look for steady growth during the pre-sale period. Details and copies: 0171-303 5868.



pean Union-funded Market Towns Initiative (MTI). Abercrave, Cardigan, Dolgellau, Llanfair Caereinion and Rhyader will each receive up to £90,000 to establish job creation projects in sectors as diverse as craft industries.

tourism and sport. Residents of Cardigan, for example, believe that the town's maritime heritage is the key to its future prosperity. So they are seeking to acquire a 19th century tall ship that can be converted into a floating museum.

Abercrave's citizens, on the other hand, place their focus on developing craft work-



Rowe-Beddoc venture

shops and sales outlets, while Rhyader is keen to establish an indoor tennis centre and sports hall.

Rhyader's townspeople also want to make contact with believe that some who moved away to more lucrative pastures can be encouraged to return to invest and work in The Market Town Initiative

was first mooted in the Government's rural White Paper A working countryside for Wales. The venture was launched by David Rowe-Beddoe, chairman of the Development Board for Rural Wales, who recognises both "the need to invest in communities" and "the importance for rura! Wales of sustaining a strong market town network"

There were 25 towns competing for this first round of grant aid, and the five winners will all employ a development officer to bring their projects to

Crime costs rise to £2bn a year

with burglary and fraud the

most common crimes. Many

businesses fail to take ade-

THIEVES and vandals are break-in. The Leicester report costing small businesses more than £2 billion a year, a study by Norwich Union, the insurance group, shows. The claim is supported by a separate survey of small crime in Leicester that put the national small business bill for all kinds of crime at £3.2 billion.

of all small businesses had

been broken into by burglars

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by Crime Concern, the crime prevention charity, found that 75 per cent of companies were victims of crime last year. Incidents included burglary. thefts by customers, criminal damage, losses in transit, fraud and violence. Businesses suffered an av-The NU report found half erage 3.5 incidents a year.

quate precautions. For example. Norwich Union found that only one small business in five took extra security measures over Easter, though many claimed to be worried about leaving premises unattended. Tony Holden, a consultant

at Crime Concern, said few businesses took measures other than installing a burglar alarm. His report showed that a minority of businesses were repeated targets for crime.

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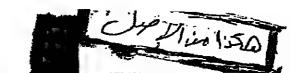
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Leading candidates for prestige posts in a Labour government: Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, left, John Morris, QC, and Paul Boateng

plans by which legal aid solici-tors hold the purse-strings and

pay the advocates from their

budgets - but the price may

be a squeeze on the costs of legal aid in the biggest cases; what Lord Irvine called the

"I per cent of cases costing

As for plans for the profes-

sion itself. Mr Boateng had

originally promised a refer-

ence to the Monopolies and

Mergers Commission. With

far bigger legal and constitu-

tional fish to fry — a Bill of

Rights, devolution, reform of

the Lords — that would not be

high priority. In any event,

few restrictive practices re-

main: chiefly these are the rule

that stops direct access to bar-

risters by members of the pub-

lic: and the ban on barristers

setting up shop with other pro-

fessionals in multi-disciplin-

ary partnerships. The idea of a

review of these sounds rather

like turning back the clock ten

years to the Lord Chancellor's

Green Papers.

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Labour's top legal eagles

chink of light bemain political parties, what can lawyers and the wider justice system -expect if Labour wins on

Much discreet lobbying over the past 18 months has cleared a smooth path to Labour's door for both the Bar and Law Society. The Bar already had ready-made networks through the profession itself: Labour's magic circle is now famous for its barristers, not least Mr Blair and Cherie Booth, QC. But the Law Society, through its parliamentary team, has also been oiling the wheels of contact through regular meetings and lunches, with some success.

So lines are well open to the likely members of Labour's legal team. Top of the tree, everyone expects, would be Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, Shadow Lord Chancellor and mentor to the Labour leader. The junior minister to the Lord Chancellor in the Commons is likely (though not certain) to be Paul Boateng, MP.

Speculation continues over who would be Labour's law officers. Betting is now on John Morris, QC, existing Shadov to do the job at least for the immediate future. But there is still doubt over who will fill the Solicitor-General's post and whether he or she could come from the Lords. One possibility, Lord Williams of Mostyn, QC, is now tipped to be Leader in the upper house, leaving the

field wide open. Would Mr Blair create some more Labour legal peers or Frances Gibb offers the latest on the likely giants in

the legal landscape should Labour win the election







Legal heavies: Jack Straw, left, Harriet Harman and Lord Williams of Mostyn, QC

"parachute" in some lawyer MPs to fill the post? Possibles for \$G include Harriet Harman, now Shadow Social Services Secretary. Some even suggest the post could be filled from outside Parliament by a top QC - say Peter Goldsmith. Alternatively, Mr Goldsmith could become a special policy adviser. Such advisers are destined to assume more prominence under Labour: at present, the Lord Chancellor's Department has none, but Mr Blair has told each department they may appoint

The mood, then, of the profession is expectant. But it is far from fearful. On the criminal side, Jack Straw, Shadow Home Secretary and a barrister, echoes much of Michael Howard's concerns with his pledges on fast-track punishment for persistent young offenders and backing for new mandatory minimum sentences, albeit with greater judicial discretion. But some

people doubt whether the Crime (Sentences) Act would ever see the light of day. "He can't do it," one lawyer says. The prisons would be overflowing in no time at all." Where there would be change is in the Crown Prosecution Service: officials are already gearing up to meet proposals for a shake-up of the service to

give it greater regional autono-

my and to break up its top-

oentred bureaucracy.

The profession's main concern is on the civil side, where Lord Irvine has pledged a review of legal aid spending. nang in nang wil efit analysis" of Lord Woolf's civil justice reforms. Extra funds for Woolf are unlikely. But there is concern that the review would effectively block progress on the reforms. Chris Philipsborn, Law Society parl-iamentary officer, says: "We do have a concern in case the Woolf proposals to speed up civil justice and cut costs fall

by the wayside. We know that

there will be no more money under Labour and so any extra funds will be at the expense of something else in the system."

But the Bar is backing such a review. Robert Owen, QC. the Bar chairman, says: "We do need to do this, to see whether the reforms are worthwhile and to take a comprehensive review of the way legal aid operates and to have a more radical look at how it is provided."

Labour, like the Government, wants tough controls on legal aid. But these may be more flexible than now proby the Government what Roger Smith, of the Legal Action Group, calls a "soft" rather than "hard" cap on legal aid. Either way, legal aid rates for lawyers will come under pressure, which would, Mr Philipsborn says, " be of concern to the profession".

The Bar, however, is hopeful of ridding itself of proposals for standard fees in civil legal aid work, as well as

insiders say this would prob-

ably lead to protracted cases, not shortened ones. "Case management by French

judges would put the system's head in a noose," says one

source. Surely the solution is

simple? Give them the rights

ROBERT OWEN, QC, has

been assuring chambers that

the Bar intends a "light touch"

in its newly announced moves

to implement the Bar equality

code and ensure chambers

London Criminal Courts So-

licitors' Association, the Met-

ropolitan Police has agreed to

remind officers they should

inform suspects of their right

only to discover that sub-

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to guillotine.

Light touch

Appealing aspect of life in a democracy

COUNSEL

ord Justice Bowen suggested in a judg-ment in 1893 that "if no appeal were possible, this would not be a desirable country to live in". Mindful of the importance of the subject, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, last year asked Sir Jeffery Bowman to chair a committee to review the workings of the Court of Appeal. That committee has now published a consultation paper seeking views on a number of options for reforming the jurisdiction and procedure of the court. Interested persons have until May 2 to offer their opinions.

The Court of Appeal has a pivotal role in civil justice, hearing appeals from the High Court, county courts, the Employment Ap-peal Tribunal, the Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Social Security Commissioners and many other bodies. Annual reports by successive Masters of the Rolls over the past ten years have identified serious administrative problems, such as increasing caseloads

and lengthening delays, with more and more cases being presented by litigants in per-

In his report, Access to Justice, Lord Woolf, the Master of the Rolls, identified the objectives of the civil justice system: to secure just results, by a fair procedure, at a sensible cost, with reasonable speed, in a manner comprehensible to litigants, responsive to their needs, providing as much certainty as possible, and by means that are effective in the sense of being ade-quately resourced and

The consultation paper recognises these objectives, and that the Court of Appeal "is

unable to put them all into effect at present". It therefore suggests that consideration should be given to altering the jurisdiction of the court so that fewer cases come before it. and improving its efficiency by changing the

manner in which it conducts its work. The workload of the Court of Appeal can and should be reduced in the interests of all litigants (and the health of the judiciary). Disappointed litigants whose cases have been rejected by a lower court or tribunal have no entitlement to an appeal. If their claim or their defence is not well-founded, the sooner they are so informed the better. In their own interests as well as those of the opposing party and other litigants whose cases are waiting to be heard.

Critics of Lord Irvine and his At present, leave to appeal is required in many, but by no means all, cases. Rules of court should provide that no case shall be team say that they will prove far less radical than the present Government's ministers. So heard by the Court of Appeal unless leave to appeal has been granted. If a prospective far, their proposals do nothing to dispel that view. If the party appellant is unable to satisfy the lower court prove the critics wrong.

a seriously arguable case, or that there are otherwise public interest reasons for hearing an appeal (for example, to clarify an important point of law), the time of the court should not be occupied.

Applicants for leave to appeal currently have a right to an oral hearing, even where the Lord Justice who has considered the papers takes the view that the application is manifestly ill-founded. There is no justification for such a rule. The European Court of Human Rights has held that even in criminal cases there is no right to an oral hearing of an application for leave to appeal. Oral hearings of such applications should be the exception rather than the rule, taking place only if the judges of the Court of Appeal think that oral argument may help them to decide whether to grant leave. A litigant has no right to waste the resources of the court.

Renewed applications for leave to move for judicial review need not be heard by three

judges, as is the current practice: two is sufficient, Unless the case involves an issue of general legal importance, appeals from county courts should be heard by a Court of Appeal consisting of one Lord Justice and one High Court judge. In faxt-track county court litigation (designed for the simpler cases, in particular. defended actions in which the claim is for £10,000 or less). inpeals should be heard by a High Court judge unless the issue is one of general impor-

oral advocacy. Judges need

For those cases which are DAVID heard on appeal, the Court of PANNICK QC move away from unconfined

> more time to read the skeleton arguments, the documents and relevant case law in advance of the hearing, so that they can focus the oral argument on the central issues. Judges of the Court of Appeal vary greatly in the approach they adopt in the hearings. The Court of Appeal should be more willing to impose time limits on oral argument, to focus the minds of all concerned. Most cases turn on one or two central issues, and the judges should ensure that less of the hearing is spent on a long knock-up before play actually

> According to Ambrose Bierce's Devil's Dictionary (1906), "to appeal" is "to put the dice into the box for another throw". Sir Jeffery Bowman and his colleagues cannot remove all of the uncertainty of an appeal (and the consequent entertainment it provides for litigation lawyers). But the review has the opportunity to suggest some important improvements to procedures.

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From silk to a seat

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Thirteen lawyer MPs are standing down, including Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC. Secre-tary of State for Northern Ireland, Alex Carlile, QC, Liberal Democrat home affairs spokesman and John Fraser, Labour's egal affairs spokesman.

Among new lawyers ripped for Parliament are Tory solicitors Eleanor Laing (Epping Forest). Humfrey Malins (Woking) and David Ruffley (Bury St Edmunds), and Labour solicitors Hasel Blears (Salford) and Maria Eagle (Liverpool Garston).

Cutting comment PROFESSOR Richard Stone, dean of Nottingham Law School, is to succeed Mary Phillips as dean of the Inns of Court School of Law. The appointment means that the two top jobs in barrister training have gone to past and present Notts law school deans, who will now be rivais.



Nigel Savage was dean until April, 1996, when he took over as head of The College of Law. The college, main provider of the solicitors' legal practice course, will also be one of the main providers of the Bar vocational course from this September.

Professor Savage welcomed Professor Stone's appointment, but said: "I'd have thought that the Bar school needed a surgeon rather than

Gallows humour IN WHAT is probably Cameron Markby Hewitt's last

contribution to Anglo-French understanding before the firm disappears into the maw of the new Cameron McKenna combine on election day. James Burnett-Hitchcock, the senior litigation partner, invited four French senators to look at our legal system.

The French are going through their own version of the Woolf report to find ways to speed up justice. The sena-tors met Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, and Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor.

However, they are unlikely to go down the proposed English route of more active case management by judges.

compliance. "We will not," he said, "be heavy-handed in helping chambers to implement this code. We will be

consulting and co-operating with chambers." Righting a wrong LONDON solicitors have won fresh assurances that criminal suspects will not be deprived of a lawyer during interviews at police stations. After negotiations with the



fern, the outgoing Lord Chancellor, is being feted on all fronts. Sir Thomas Bingham, the Lord Chief Justice, is hosting a private dinner for him: the officials who each held the office of private secretary have entertained him and even the legal correspondents of national newspapers last week held an unpre-

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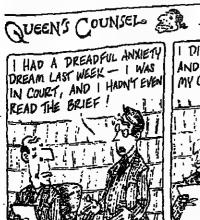
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to legal representation before each interview. Members had complained that duty solicitors were giving initial telephone advice to suspects

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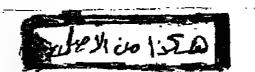
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· Where men still rule

The law is a ground-breaking profession, except

for women, says Clare McGlynn

ex discrimination is increasingly recognised as a fact of life in the legal profession. Achieving change, however, is difficult and slow. One strategy that can be adopted with potential success is to emphasise the business case for equality, which emphasises the fact that the training and recruitment of women lawyers is an expensive business, so sensible employers will capitalise on their investment by seeking to train and promote women lawyers. Research from the CBI and the Equal Opportunities Commission shows that equality can be costly for businesses if they do not introduce anti sex-discrimination practices.

Opportunity 2000, a business-led campaign, provides a proven formula for putting the business case into action. It has one clear objective: to increase the quantity and quality of women's employment opportunities. Underpinning the campaign is a belief that organisations that fail to utilise their female resources are compromising competitive performance.

For law firms, membership of Opportunity 2000 could work as a focus and impetus for action; ensuring that the voices of women lawyers seeking to change the cuiture of a very masculine profession have a cogently researched and argued basis for their arguments

To illuminate this debate, the organisation Young Women Lawyers surveyed employment practices at the biggest 200 solicitors' firms. The results were disappointing for several reasons.

In 1995 YWL found that only 25 per cent of new partners in the biggest 100 firms were women. This year, we found that this figure had risen to only 27 per cent (26 per cent in the largest 200 firms). Women have been entering the profession in almost equal numbers for more than ten years, but this is still not

borne out in partnership numbers. YWL found, also in 1995, that of the biggest 100 firms, 24 per cent offered paternity leave. This figure has risen to 39 per cent, falling to 30

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Celebrating female success: Cherie Blair, QC, at the Women Lawyer Conference in London this month

per cent in the largest 200 firms. Paternity leave represents a move towards a greater recognition of the role that fathers should play in the care of their children, and the evidence is that law firms are taking a step in the right direction. But progress is slow, especially when compared with the 70 per cent of Op-portunity 2000 firms offering paternity leave.

Figures for parental leave are even lower. Only 10 per cent of the largest 100 firms (8 per cent of the largest 200) offer parental leave, compared with 35 per cent of Opportunity 2000 firms. Almost as disturbing was the expressed ignorance of many respondents, including some of the largest City law firms, as to exactly what parental

More worrying is that the European Community has adopted a directive providing for three months' unpaid parental leave. It is not yet applicable in the UK, but a change in government may lead to the implementation of the directive. Some awareness of the directive from law

firms could surely be expected. We sought information on the availability of part-time working for both men and women. One firm displayed its antiquated and discriminatory views on this issue by declaring that it would consider requests for part-time working from women, but "not at all for

There is clearly little hope that working practices and the stereotyping of men and women's roles will change while such prejudices remain. Forty-seven per cent of the largest 200 firms replied that partners could work part-time and 66 per cent of firms offered part-time work to assistant solicitors.

he final disappointing factor was the response rate: just under a third. This contrasts with a 60 per cent response rate when YWL carried out its first survey two years ago. This time we did not warn firms that we would name them if they did not respond. Surely it would not take such a threat for law

firms to respond? Some firms refused to disclose information on their policies. Perhaps they were embarrassed to reveal the few numbers of women partners or the lack of appropriate employment practices; or perhaps they were keen to keep such valuable infor-mation out of the marketplace.

To ensure real equality for women lawyers, real institutional change is required. The development of more flexible and "familyfriendly" employment policies would be a move in the right direction, and the lessons and membership of Opportunity 2000 could help to bring this forward.

The author is a lecturer in law at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and chairs Young Women Lawyers. Lady Howe, Chairman of Opportunity 2000, and Tony Girling, Law Society President, will discuss the role of Opportunity 2000 and the business case for equality 2000 and the business case for equality at the case meeting were Tweeting at ity at an open meeting next Tuesday at 6.20pm in the Old Council Chamber of the Law Society. To attend, send a cheque (£3 members, £5 others) payable to YWL, 76 Milton Grove, London Ni6 8QY. Further details: 0191-222 7616.

Edward Fennell reports on an opportunity for lawyers

British firms bridge the Gulf

The European Union is paying increasing attention to the Arab world (known euphemistically in Brussels as "the Mediterranean countries").

Last week it held a 27-nation Euro-Med conference in Malta and this week its Communities Corporation Programme is sponsoring a conference in Abu Dhabi organised by the British Middle East Law Council to examine legal developments in the Gulf area.

The BMEL is widely complimented for doing a good job in waving the flag on behalf of "British invisibles" and the conference is of considerable importance for UK law firms operating in the

The Foreign Office and the Department of Trade and Industry have given their backing to the event and the British ambassador, Anthony Harris, is making a keynote speech.

Featured on the programme are speakers from most of the top London firms, including Allen & Overy, Freshfields and Linklaters & Paines, while the driving force behind the event is Ibrahim Kanaan, the secretary-general of the BMEL, who is also a lawyer with Elliott & Co.

Mr Kanaan says it is vital that London lawyers should demonstrate their collective commitment to this part of the Middle East. He says: "The Gulf is the most stable part of the region. Increasingly, the law practised locally is being required to meet international criteria.

"For example, there are developing capital markets in the Gulf and the area is being seen as an arbitration centre. In the light of this, there has been a need to update both the British and the Gulf legal professions about what has been happening. An exercise in comparative law of this kind is

One of the most delicate issues is how western financial techniques, which are the bread and butter of a City lawyer's life, can be reconciled with Islamic law and, in particular, its prohibition on charging interest.

Even some of the speakers at the conference admit privately that



Kanaan: driving force behind a conference in Abu Dhabi

they are mystified by the devices used to get round the problem. The trigger to this development is the quickening process of economic transformation. Some states are starting to see the end of their oil reserves. Others are no longer content to sit back passively on oil

Industry is starting to develop

There is no longer the huge pot of money from oil, but this is stimulating these initiatives'

and new ways of raising money are being adopted — hence the capital market.

Much of the investment is coming from the US and the risk is that this could create an opportunity for US lawyers to grab most of the

London's advantages are its tra-ditional links with the region and its experience in developing public and private partnerships. In particular, the British experience of the private finance initiative is attracting considerable interest from Gulf bankers and lawyers - so much so that most of the Linklaters' session at the conference is devoted to explaining how PFI works.

Simon Burch of Linklaters says: There is no longer the huge pot of money from oil that there used to be in the Gulf, but this is stimulating these economic and industrial inftiatives. At Linklaters we have an excellent project finance practice, so of course we feel we have a lot to contribute to these initiatives as

they get off the ground." Linklaters' practice in the area is described as "steady" with enough work coming through to make it a sustainable interest to the partnership.

Firms such as Clifford Chance, Allen & Overy, Richards Butler and Simmons & Simmons have longstanding offices in the area, while those who do not continue to debate the merits of opening there.

One possible threat to London lawyers, however, is an increasing "Gulfisation" of professional services. This could mean that nonlocal firms are squeezed out.

One of the most significant signs of this trend occurred last autumn vhen Richards Butler set up in Oman in conjunction with a local law firm, Said Al-Shahry.

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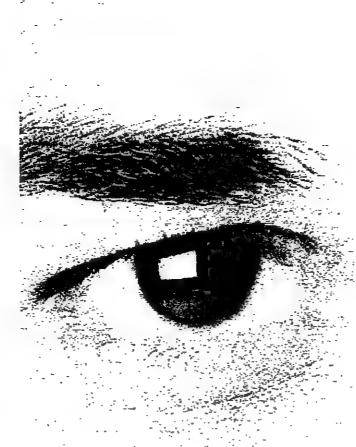
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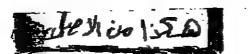
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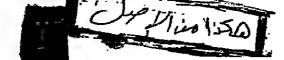
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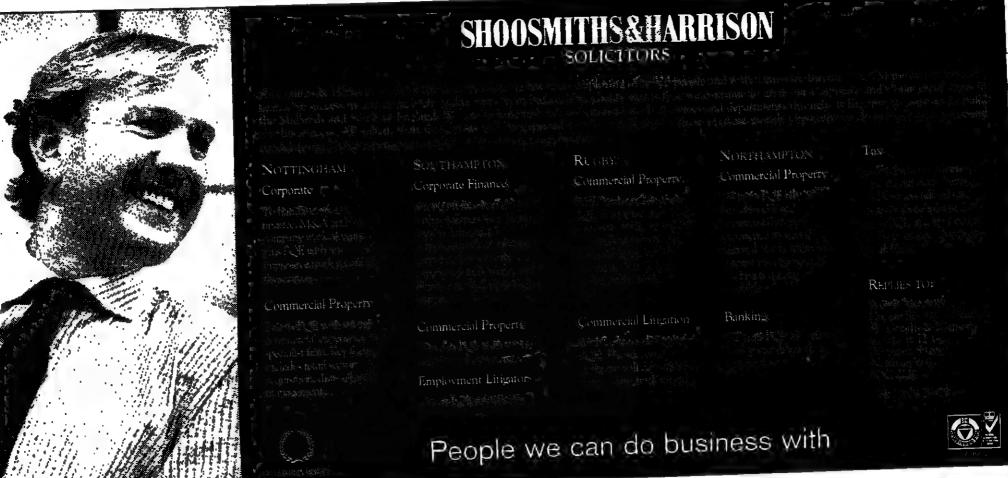
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Council duty after children placed in care

Barrett v Enfield London Borough Council Before Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Evans and Lord Judgment March 251

It was contrary to the public interest to impose a duty of care on a local authority in respect of those decisions as to the future of a child in its care which would normally have been made by a parent.

However, if a social worker was careless in implementing decisions relating to a child in care the local vicariously liable for the resulting

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff. Keith Trevor Barrett, against the decision of Judge Brandt at Colchester County Court on April 30, 1996 to strike out his claim against the London Borough of Enfield for damages for personal injuries.

Mr Allan Levy, QC and Miss Elizabeth Gumbel for the plaintiff; Mr Nigel Baker, QC and Mr Brendan Roche for the local

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that in X (Minors) v Bedfordshire County Council (1995) 2 AC 633) the House of Lords was concerned with the extent of the duty owed by local authorities to children prior to their being taken into care. The present appeal concerned the ex-ient of the duty owed by local authorities after children had been

months when a care order was made in favour of the local authority and who remained in care until he was approaching the age of 18, claimed damages for breach of duty at common law by the authority and its employees. He alleged that the authority was under a duty to act as would a parent and to show the standard of care which could be expected of a responsible parent

There was, he alleged, a duty to protect him from physical, emo-tional, psychiatric or psychological injury, to provide him with education and a home where his safety would be secured and monitored, to promote his development, to plan both his short term and long term future, to secure his rights to family life and to provide competent and suitably qualified and experienced social workers to monitor his welfare. He also alleged itor his welfare. He also alleged that the social workers who were responsible for looking after him were under similar duties.

Among the complaints which were made were failing to arrange for his adoption, inappropriate placements with foster parents and community homes and the lack of proper monitoring and super-vision while he was at the different

There was also criticism of the failure to obtain appropriate psychiatric treatment and failing properly to manage his reintroduc-tion to his mother after he had not seen her for 11 years and criticism of how his relationship with his half sister was managed.

There had been no previous decision establishing a common law duty in those circumstances, so it was necessary to consider whether it was just and reasonable care to a local authority when it was performing its duties to protect and promote the welfare of children in its care.

in relation to children who we not in its care in X (Minors) the House of Lords did not consider it as appropriate to superimpose a common law duty of care over and above the local authority's statu-tory responsibilities for children.

It was not possible to directly transpose the reasoning in X (Minors) to the present situation. However, in relation to the decisions of the local authority which it was alleged could have contributed to the psychiatric and psychological difficulties of which the plaintiff complained, it would be contrary to the public interest and therefore not just or reasonable to impose a duty of care.

The very fact that the authority was stated to have been in the position of a parent to the plaintiff at the material time brought home the public policy aspects of the situation. The decisions often required a difficult and delicate calancing of conflicting interests.

Parents were daily making decisions with regard to their children's future and it would be wholly mappropriate that those shown to be wrong, should be ones

taken by the local authority in place of the parents the position

It would be unfortunate if the possibility of litigation years afterwards could cause a more defen-sive and cautious approach to taking positive decisions as to a child's future than would other wise be the case.

Social workers were all too often open to criticism for intervening but intervening was often what was necessary and when it was they should not be discouraged from doing so by the possibility of biggation. It would be intolerable if social workers adopted a safety first approach.

If complaint was to be made, then an investigation by an ombudsman was more likely to result in a satisfactory conclusion than the investigation by the courts. The ombudsman could award compensation for misfeasance in appropriate cases.

The plaintiff relied on the

assumption of the Court of Appeal in Capital and Counties plc v Hampshire County Council (The Times March 20, 1997) of the principle, with which his Lordship agreed, that: "There is no general immunity for professionals or others carrying out difficult tasks in stressful circumstances."

However, his Lordship was not suggesting a blanket immunity but an immunity in relation to the making of those decisions as to the future of a child which were normally made by a parent. If it was not fair or just to make the authority directly liable for the caring for the plaintiff, then equally there would be no justification for placing the social workers who in practice would exercise the discretion on behalf of the local authority in any different position. Social workers and other mem-bers of the staff could, however, be

negligent in an operational manner. They could, for example, be careless in listing property belong-ing to the child or in reporting what they had observed for the purposes of an interdisciplinary essment of what action should be taken in relation to a child. They could also be negligent in failing to carry out instructions properly.

If in implementing his own decision or decisions of the authority, a social worker was careless, there would be a case for the authority being vicariously liable if the necessary causation of injury or other damage could be established.

However, although complaints as to that type of conduct were made, there could be no prospect of the plaintiff succeeding on those complaints alone. He would be quite unable to attribute any part of his condition to the his condition to that sort of

The plaintiff had no realistic prospect of succeeding on the pliegations in his particulars of claim. His Lordship was therefore the judge to strike out the claim. Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Schiemann agreed,

Solicitors: Thompson Smith & Puxon, Colchester; Browne

Criteria for reversing finding of fact

Hossack v General Dental but it was replaced and had given Council

Before Lord Lloyd of Berwick, Lord Hope of Craighead and Lord

(Judgment April [6]

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council would reverse a finding of fact by the professional conduct committee of the General Dental Council if that finding was out of tune with the evidence to such an extent that the members of the committee must have misunderstood that evidence.

Their Lordships so held in allowing an appeal by the appellant, Robert Julian Hossack, against the committee's determine he was guilty of serious pro-fessional misconduct and that his name be erased from the dentists'

Mr James Badenoch, QC, for the appellant: Miss Joanna Glynn for the General Dental Council.

LORD LLOYD said that the charge against the appellant was that he had accepted three patients for dental treatment as National Health Service patients in the course of which he failed to employ proper degree of skill and attention in providing treatment for them, and failed to carry out treatments necessary to secure the oral health of Mr Stephen Gerald Dack and Mrs Yuk-kuen Hou, and that in relation to the facts alleged he had been guilty of serious professional misconduct. The other patient was Mrs Coral Patrice Lawson.

Mr Dack was treated by the appellant in 1992. He had been a patient of the appellant for about 14 years. His teeth needed a great deal of attention, in addition to ordinary fillings the appellant carried out a root treament of one tooth and replaced the crown. In November, 1992, Mr Dack

was seen by Mr Bull, the dental reference officer, as part of Mr Bull's routine duties. In a report Mr Bull criticised the appellant's treatment of that tooth. The dental services committee subsequently recommended a withholding of £2,000, which was reduced on appeal to £500.

Mrs Hou had also been a natient of the appellant for about 14 years. She attended for treatment in 1992 with a broken tooth which she asked him to save if possible. Three weeks after the treatment

no trouble thereafter.

She was seen by Mr Bull, who criticised the appellant's treatment of that tooth. The dental services committee recommended a withholding of £1,000, which was uced on appeal to £750.

Mrs Lawson became a patient of the appellant in 1994. She needed 10 fillings, two crowns and a replacement bridge to span three teeth. She did not like the look of the bridge and in November, 1904, she complained about it to the family health services authority. In December, 1995, she was seen

by Mr Martin Kelleher, a consultant restorative dentist. He re-ported that the bridge was satisfactory in four specified respects. The case was referred to dental services committee. £1,000 was withheld and the appellant was ordered to repay (200 to Mrs Lawson,

In due course, the appellant was called before the professional conduct committee. On November 20, 1996, the chairman announced that the facts alleged in the charge had been proved, and later he announced that in relation to those facts the committee had found the appellant guilty of serious pro-fessional misconduct.

As to the Privy Council's ap-proach, their Lordships had been referred to Libman v General Medical Council (1972) AC 217. 22i), where it was said that: "the only circumstances in which an appellate court can reverse a view of the facts taken by the disciolinary committee would be a case appear that the committee had misread the evidence to such an extent that they were not entitled to make a finding in the state of the evidence presented before them."

It was said (at p221) that it was difficult for an appellant to displace a finding or order of the committee: "unless it can be shown that something was clearly wrong either (i) in the conduct of the trial or (ii) in the legal principles applied or (iii) unless it can be shown that the findings of the committee were sufficiently out of tune with the evidence to indicate with reasonable certainty that the evidence had been misread."

For the reasons mentioned in Libman's case, and in many subsequent appeals, the Privy Council was always rejuctant to take a different view of the evi-dence than the highly qualified members of a professional conduct committee, but it would on occasion feel compelled to do so.

The expert witness called by Miss Glynn in support of the charge was Mr Kelleher. If he had given evidence in accordance with report their Lordships would appeal without much hesitation But he did not.

His evidence, both in chief and in cross-examination was favourable to the appellant. He said that there was no need to replace the bridge unless Mrs Lawson wanted a replacement for cosmetic reasons. By itself, his evidence could not support a charge of failing to empky a proper degree of skill and attention in Mrs Lawson's case.

Miss Glynn also called Mr Anthony Francis Clough. He was in a somewhat anomalous position since he had been a member of the dental services committee in the case of all three patients and subsequently accepted Mrs Lawson as a patient.

He would have been bound to want to defend his decision to replace the bridge. Where his evidence conflicted with that of Mr Kelleher their Lordships had no doubt that Mr Kelleher's evidence was to be preferred.

Having reviewed the evidence in Lordships felt bound to conclude that the finding of the committee in relation to her was out of rune with the evidence to such an extent that the members of the committee must have misunderstood what he was saying. The finding of fact by Lawson could not stand.

The finding of serious professional misconduct could not rest on the findings of fact in relation to the other two patients. The finding of serious professional misconduct was explicitly based on the facts found to have been proved in relation to all the heads of charge in relation to all three patients. Since the committee was wrong

to find the facts proved in relation to Mrs Lawson, part of the of serious professional misconduct had gone. In those circumstances the overall finding could not stand. Their Lordships recommended that the appeal should be allowed

and the appellant's name restored to the register.

Solicitors: Le Brasseur J. Tickle:

Court finds breach of copyright defence wanting public were supplied with software pre-loaded by the manufacturer.

Microsoft Corporation v Electro-Wide Ltd and Another

Before Mr Justice Laddie

[Judgment April 76] On hearing a summons for summary judgment, the High Court had to be careful before it deprived a defendant of the opportunity of having his evidence tested at trial: but if, when applying its critical faculties to the whole of a situation, the court concluded a defence to be

incredible, it had to say so. Mr Justice Laddle so held in the Chancery Division, in giving sum-mary judgment under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court for Microsoft Corporation, the plaintiff, against Electro-Wide Ltd and Atlantic Business Systems Ltd for: I injunctions restraining them ing, or issuing to the public, or possessing distributing selling or exposing for sale in the course of business, any substantial part of any piece of operating system computer software in which it owned copyright; (b) Infringing any of its copyrights in such software: (c) directing counselling procuring or authorising any other

Bridgegrove Ltd v Smith and

The term "car repairs" included work to car hodies and paint

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Potter

and Lord Justice Mummery) so

held on March 20 when dismiss-

ing an appeal by a landlord. Bridgegrove Ltd, from a judgment

by Judge Graham, QC, in Shore-ditch County Court in which he upheld a claim by tenants. Mr

spraying activities.

person firm or company so to do and

2 Orders for delivery up of offending material and various types of disclosure on affidavit and

3 An inquiry as to damages for intringement, with a direction that on such inquiry the court should consider whether an award of additional damages pursuant to section 97(2) of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 would be appropriate.

Section 3 of the 1988 Act provides; "(l) . . . 'literary work' means any work, other than a dramatic or musical work ... and accordingly includes - ... (b) a computer

Section 17 provides: "(1) The copying of the work is an act restricted by the copyright in every description of copyright work. . . "(2) Copying in relation to a literary ... work means reproduc-

ing the work in any material form. This includes storing the work in any medium by electronic means." Section 18 provides: "(1) The issue to the public of copies of the work is an act restricted by the copyright in every description of copyright work."

Paint spraying part of

'car repairs'

Richard Smith and Mr Roy Smith.

that premises that were unfit for

paint spraying had been neg-ligently misrepresented by the landlord as being suitable for a car

LORD JUSTICE MUMMERY

said that the tenants, operating a car repair business from premises

at 112 Kingsland High Street, Hackney, London, had received

complaints from occupiers of

neighbouring premises relating to the fumes from paint spraying. proceedings ... with respect to a computer program, where copies of the program are issued to the public in electronic form bearing a statement — (a) that a named person was the owner of copyright in the program at the date of issue of the copies . . . the statement shall be admissible as evidence of the facts stated and shall be presumed to be correct until the contrary is

Mr Michael Tappin for Microsoft: Mr Martin Howe, QC,

MR JUSTICE LADDIE said it was common knowledge that Microsoft was the proprietor of a range of computer software, particular under the names "MS-DOS" and "Windows", sold on a vast scale world-wide. The defendants were original

equipment manufacturers ("OEMs") who bought in parts from a variety of suppliers, built computers to their own specifications, and sold them to the public under their own brand names, ("PC") could function it had to be caded with one or more operating

They had had to cesse their

The judge was correct to hold

that the tenants had entered into a

lease for the premises in reliance

on a negligent misstatement by the

landlord that the premises were

ideally suitable for any storage

The term "car repairs" referred to repairs to the body of a car as

well as to its mechanical parts and

included spraying car bodies with

op use and car repairs".

activities inside the premises.

To load copyright software, which involved copying it on to the hard disk storage system in the PC, would be an infringement, unless licensed by the copyright owner. Microsoft sold its MS-DOS and Windows products to assemblers

and manufacturers of PCs exclusively in the form of a shrink-wrapped "OEM product" containing (I) disks or a CD-ROM containing a copy of the software (li) instruction manuals (lii) an enduser licence agreement, and (iv) a certificate of authenticity, containing a hologram and bearing an

Any OEM would have the expertise to make multiple unlicensed copies of software and sell PCs pre-loaded with such but if they did, customers would not get the authentic disks, CD-ROM, manual, end-licence agreement or

In this action, Microsoft claimed such unlicensed copying and cus-tomer sales, relying on trans-actions with four members of the public and an inquiry agent: a formidable collection of evidence.

The delendants' case for the existence of a fair probability of having a bona fide defence to that were: (i) doubts that they had infringed either section 17 or 18 of the Act and (ii) doubts that Microsoft owned any copyright that might exist in the MS-DOS and Windows family of software. As to (i). Microsoft responded

that unlicensed loading of its software on to those customers' PCs were acts of copying and subsequent supply of PCs, so subsequent supply of PCs, so loaded, acts of issuing to the public. Mr Howe, lastening on the plural "copies" in section 18, conrended that an isolated act of issue had intentionally been excluded

Even if that were right, which was strongly disputed by defendants' case had been that every PC they sold was to meet the whom it went and, occasional packing errors apart, their firm policy was never to load his PC with Microsoft software without setting aside a complete OEM product for him

Further, they had claimed they did not have the facilities to make and had never made illicit copies of That defence had been tor-

pedoed by the convincing evidence of one customer, Mr Jones, who had complained that they had supplied him, instead of the six Windows disks he needed, five clearly non-authentic disks which he had in due course returned to them with the PC, but without eliciting any comment. His Lordship had found the

defendants' version of that episode to the highest degree implausible and their attempt to explain it away, by attacking Mr Jones's honesty, smelt of desperation.

As to (ii), Microsoft relied both on section (05(3) of the Act and on evidence from a paralegal employed to maintain records of

that section 105(3) only shifted the burden of proof to the defendants. who were still entitled to put subsistence and ownership in is-But in the present context that argument was misconceived. The efendants did not assert that they

had a defence under (ii), but only an unfounded. Micawberish, hope that something would turn up. Finally, in relation to ownership, it was wholly improbable that a company of the size of Microsoft would fail to take the elementary precautions necessary to ensure that it owned the copyright in its

Solicitors: Covington & Burling:

Judge can devise own procedure in crown court

Regina v Leicester Crown
Court, Ex parte Phipps

Mr John Mitting, QC and Mr late its own practices, saying that it was "for the judges collectively, as Before Mr Justice Collins

Fudgment March 12 A crown court judge acting alone was entitled to exercise the inherent power of the court to regulate its own practices by devising a procedure that was fair and just when there was no existing ap-

Mr Justice Collins so held in the Queen's Bench Division in dismissing the application of Michael John Phipps for judicial review of the decision of Judge Christopher Young at Leicester Crown Court on November 15, 1996, ordering consolidation of his appeal against the refusal of ustices to grant a liquor licence with two other appeals to the same

Mr Richard Moat for Morlands: Mr Matthew Cowie for Everards. both appellants below.

MR JUSTICE COLLINS said that the judge decided to consoli-date the three appeals because they were closely inter-related and he would have had to compare their relative merits.

Section 79(3) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 stated that the "customary practice and procedure with respect to appeals to the crown court" shall be observed. but it appeared that there was no customary practice.

In Abse v Smith (1986) QB 536, 555) Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, recognised the well established principle that every court had inherent power to regu-

collegiate body, to decide whether or not to modify general practices" and to modify by practice directions.

But if no practice existed because the situation was so unusual, as in the instant case, the individual judge would himself have to devise a procedure that was fair and just cincumstances.

Provided that what he did was not contrary to statute or existing it and if what he did was unfair. an offended party could seek judicial review or appeal against the decision if an appeal existed. Solicitors: Jeffrey Green Russeil:

Scots Law Report April 22 1997 Outer House

Pursuer must specify provision for removing smoke from office vide ventilation by the circulation

Rae (Agnes) v Glasgow City Council and Another Before Lord Bonomy

[Judgment March 7] Section 7 of the Offices Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 was plainly directed at the mischief of foul air in the atmosphere of the workplace. Cigarette smoke which fouled the atmosphere clearly fell within that mischief.

The obligation in section 7 was not to extract impurities, it was to provide ventilation by the circulation of adequate supplies of air.
The rate at which the air should be freshened up depended upon the entent to which it was fouled but because the obligation was not to remove impurities, it was not appropriate for the pursuer to rely on a bald statement of the statutory obligation without specifying what would have been effective and suitable provision in the circumstances and what difference that would have made to the inhalation of impurities from smoke by the

Lord Bonomy, sitting in the Outer Howe of the Court of Session, so held dismissing an action of damages for personal injury brought by Agnes Rae against Glasgow City Council and Strathclyde Joint Police Board. Mr Neil Brailsford, QC, for the pursuer; Mrs Anne Paton, QC and Miss Jane Paterson for the

LORD BONOMY said that the pursuer sued for damages for illness caused by her passive exposure to cigarette smoke at work between 1979 and 1994. She averred that she had never She had been employed by the

defenders' statutory predecessors as a word processor operator in various small offices. She averred that others working beside her and visiting or passing through her office smoked heavily and left lit cigareites burning, causing sidestream smoke to be given off. Towards the end of her employment, some steps, which she averted were inadequate, had been taken to try to stop smoking at her place of work. The pursuer's case was pled at both common law and in terms of section 7 of the 1903 Act.

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The pursuer's case was that, throughout her employment, no proper and efficient ventilation had been provided for her workplace, no exhaust appliances had been provided to extract smoke. and no provision had been made for securing and maintaining the ventilation of her workplace by circulation of adequate supplies of fresh or artificially purified air. She also averred that no warning had been given to her of the dangers associated with exposure to tobacco smoke.

For the defenders, the funnal submission had been that the common law case that it was well known within industry and by local authorities that the inhalation of cigarette and pipe smoke carried with it a risk of rtion without support in the nleadings.

The pursuer was bound to specify circumstances from which the court could draw the inference that there was a foresceable risk of illness against which the defenders

should have taken precautions.

The pleadings did not contain specification of such circumstances and there was no attempt to rely on the practice of other authorities. The case depended upon the risk of disease being material which the defenders ought to have known about and taken reasonable care to protect the pursuer from.

His Lordship considered that the risk and the materiality thereof were adequately pled as "a risk of injury or disease to the lungs or respiratory system"; but that it could not be concluded from the pleadings that the defenders knew or ought to have known of those risks arising from passive smoking. There were no averments of

when the risks of passive smoking had been discovered or when and by what means the defenders ought to have known of it. While the pursuer had pled details of certain documents pointing out the hazards, there was no indication of the materiality of the risk or of how the terms of those documents should have come to the attention of the defenders.

Accordingly the common law

The statutory case consisted of quotation of section 7 of the 1963 Act, followed by a bald statem that the defenders had failed to comply with their duries under

His Lordship had been referred to authorities decided under section 4 of the Factories Act 1937. However those fell to be distinguished, as the reference to "artificially purified air" in section 7 of the 1963 Act distinguished it from

ship could see no reason why the words of section 7 should not be given their ordinary meaning. It followed that it might be appropriate to contend for ventilation of the workplace by means of mechanical circulation of the alr

M. T. M. Construction Ltd v

William Reid Engineering

Where a contractor engaged a

subcontracior to undertake works

which necessitated an inherently

dangerous operation and the sub-

contractor engaged a sub-subcontactor to undertake that

part of the works that was inher-

ently dangerous, the subcontractor

was not liable to the principal

contractor for the negligence of the

sub-subcontractor for in that case

the principle that a person employ-

ing an independent contractor to

undertake inherently dangerous

works was responsible for the

contractor's negligence rendered

the principal contractor himself

liable and hence barred him from

invoking the same principle

Lord Abernethy, sitting in the

Outer House of the Court of

Session, so held dismissing as

irrelevant an action of reparation

brought by M. T. M. Construction Ltd against William Reid En-

Mr Gordon Reid, QC and Mr

Robert Milligan for the pursuers:

against his subcontractor.

Before Lord Abernethy

(Judgment January 28)

which might itself be artificially purified by mechanical means.

the earlier provision. In the circumstances, his Lord-

It had also been submitted for the defenders that the provision required to be interpreted having was directed, which mischiel must provision was enacted. His Lordship did not consider that sub-

mission was of assistance to the

tory case was that the pursuer had

failed to aver how the defenders were in breach of the statutory

Mr Gerald Hanreny for the first

defenders; Mr Drew Mackenzie

Section 7 was plainly directed at the mischief of foul air in the atmosphere of the workplace: cigarene smoke which fouled up the atmosphere clearly fell within The final criticism of the statu-

provision as she had not averred what they had failed to do. Counsel for the pursuer had dismissed that as a pleading point; however, his Lordship considered that there was force in the contention that there was a lack of specification.

Section 7 required "effective and suitable provision" which was "for securing and maintaining the ventilation" of every work room by "the circulation of adequate supplies of fresh or artificially purified air". Those expressions were qualitative and qualified the means by which the ventilation was to be

secured and maintained. in his Lordship's view, the obligation in section 7 was not to extract impurities, it was to pro-

of adequate supplies of air, The rate at which the air should be freshened up depended upon the extent to which it was fouled. but because the obligation was not to remove impurities, it was not appropriate for the pursuer to rely on a bald statement of the statutory

The pursuer's pleadings did not address the real issue, namely what would have been effective and suitable provision circumstances and what difference that would have made to the inhalation of impurities from smoke by the pursuer. Therefore the statutory case also

Law agents: Thompsons; Simp-

for the second defenders. His Lordship was not persuaded sense that the main contractor, the LORD ABERNETHY said that pursuers, and the subcontractor. it was not disputed that an employer was liable for the negthe first defenders, were in the present case, had any liability in ligence of an independent contractor in carrying out hazardous

in that context was usually the person for whom the work was ultimately being done. in Honeywell and Stein Ltd v Larkin Brothers Ltd [1934] 1 KB 191, 199, 201] Lord Justice Slesser had used the words ultimate

There was ample authority for

that proposition. But the employer

operations.

employer" and "principal em-In the present case the ultimate employer was not a party to the action. The pursuers were main contractors to the ultimate employer.

The first defenders had been subcontracted to the pursuers to carry out construction works. The works had required welding operations which the pursuers averred were inherently dangerous and which they averred had caused a fire. The first defenders had subcontracted the welding to the second defenders.

His Lordship had not been referred to any authority in which an intermediate employer, in the delict for negligent actings of a sub-subcontractor, the second

In Duncan's Hotel (Glasgow) Ltd v J. & A. Ferguson Ltd (1974 SC 191) Lord Stott had said "there is no compelling reason to assume that in delegating part of the work to a subcontractor la contractor was to be taken as accepting responsibility for the subcontractor's delicis. His obligations, unlike those of the employer, do not stem from occupation or possession or interest in the end product of the work, but merely from the terms of his contract, and if the terms of the contract do not include an accep-

tance of liability for a sub-contractor's delicts, it is difficult to find any principle of law apt to impose such a liability upon him." There was great force in what Lord Stort had said. His Lordship was of the opinion that only the ultimate employer had a co-exis-

tent liability, together with the

party who carried out the works.

Liability for inherently dangerous work works which were inherently

> that any intermediary in the contractual chain between the ultimate employer and in the present case, the second defender had any such liability. If his Lordship was wrong in that, however, then any such

liability had to lie with the pursu-

ers just as much as with the first

defenders. The pursuers con-

tracted with the first defenders to do work which included the work said to be inherently dangerous. If the pursuers were correct to say that the first defenders could not delegate their responsibility for the negligent performance of the works to an independent contractor, then no more could they themselves delegate that

In that situation the pursuers were not entitled to seek recovery of their whole loss, jointly and severally, from the first defender. In respect of the second defenders, the action would proceed.

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Obree rides into row over rules

January I, 1996. I met that by

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land with a winning time of 20

However, his effort was to

prove in vain. Although the

closing date for entries for the

ten-mile race was incorrectly listed as April 22 in a calendar

printed in the RTTC hand-

book, the correct date of April

15 was given elsewhere in the

Obree appealed at the week-

end to Phil Heaton, the RTTC

national secretary, who confirmed that his entry had not been accepted. Yesterday, Heaton admitted that one

reference in the RTTC hand-

book printed the wrong clos-

ing date, adding that the championship rules published

elsewhere in the book were

"The organiser had received the maximum of 120 riders by

the official closing date of April 15 and all of them

qualified," Heaton said. "In a

non-championship event, re-

serves may be allowed but

that is not permitted for

Obree, Britain's main hope

for a medal in the world track

championships in Australia in

August, was furious."I have

had two of my riding positions

banned by the International

Cycling Union despite world-

wide support and I now find

that, on what appears to me to

be a technicality, I am receiv-

ing similar treatment from the

"I had hoped the champion-ship would be the start of a

successful comeback season

after a series of illnesses last

year that affected my perfor-

mance in the Atlanta Olym-

pics. It's so disheartening and,

today at least, I wonder wheth-

er it might be worth trying to take legal action against the

home body.

quite clear.

GRAEME OBREE, twice the world 4,000 metres pursuit champion and the present British 25-mile champion, has had his entry rejected for the national ten-mile time-trial championship next month. Obree, from Scotland, is the British record-holder for the

He claims that his entry has been refused after a series of misunderstandings and errors by officials of the Road Time Trials Council (RTTC). The RTTC, which controls time-trials in England and Wales, also allows members of clubs affiliated to the Scottish Cycling Union to compete in events south of the border.

Obree claimed yesterday



Obree: furious

that he was originally told he did not need a qualifying time for the ten-mile championship near Barton-upon-Humber on May 11, as he was the 1996 25mile champion.

"The closing date for entries for the trial is published in this year's RTTC handbook as April 22, and my entry was sent off in good time," Obree said. "I then learnt from the organiser that I needed to be a member of a Scottish club to be considered, as I only hold a British Cycling Federation Racing licence, which is recognised internationally. So I joined the Shetland Wheelers.

"The next problem was to qualifying time achieved since winner last year.

Nicholls prefers deeds to words

Tony Hoare talks to an outstanding speedway rider who is determined

to make up for last year's disappointment

rott Nicholls will be keeping his feet on the ground tomorrow night, when he lines up in the British under-21 speedway championship final in Norfolk. It will make a pleasant change from his experience in the world final of the competi-Nicholls, 19, confounded

medical opinion by finishing fourth in the final, despite riding with four broken toes in his left foot in a sport that requires riders to drag their left boot on the floor as they take corners. The meeting at King's Lynn tomorrow will bring together Britain's lead-ing 16 riders under the age of 2l, with the top eight qualify-ing for the world champion-ship stages.

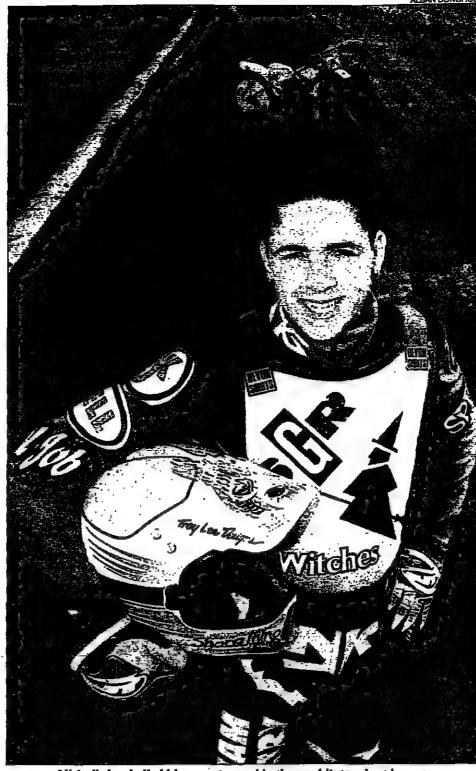
They are all hoping to follow in the footsteps of past winners Joe Screen, who was victorious in 1993, and Chris Louis, the 1990 champion, by taking the world under-21 title in the final at Mseno. In the Czech Republic, in August, Nicholls, who rides for Ips-

wich, is the youngest rider competing in the newly launched Elite League and has belied his years to produce solid scores in the world's toughest league competition. He is widely regarded as the most promising prospect in England, but su-perstitious Nicholls shuns such talk.

"I don't like to say too much about what might happen because that guarantees things will go the other way."
he said. "I always psyche
myself up to do well, but I just
don't tell anyone else. Whenever anyone asks me how I'm going to do, I just say I'm going to do my best."

Nicholls, a former British schoolboy champion at speedway's sister sport, grasstrack, is aiming to make up for a mistake in the British final last year which cost him the

This year's championship in his final ride, after four immaculate victories, he if it included Obree - would trailed in third, believing Stube one of the biggest attracart Robson, who was second, tions of the season. Entrants include Sean Yates, a Tour de would overtake the leader, Savalas Clouting. That would France time-trial winner in but Clouting kept his lead and Nicholls knows he is a talent-



Nicholls has belied his years to excel in the world's toughest league

then beat Nicholls in a decid-

ing run-off. I think I have learnt from that," Nicholls said. "I went into the race with the wrong things in my head and f bugged me. Hopefully, now I will pick up on that."

Despite his lack of outward plays of confidence

ed rider and only took up the sport professionally after careful consideration." I've always wanted to be a speedway rider, but I went through a phase when I was about 15

when I had my doubts about

going into it properly," he

ant. I was thinking about finishing speedway and get-ting a proper job, but I'm glad

"I enjoy the sport and I want to be the best at it. It must be a big buzz for Billy champion to say to himself

The senior title will have to wait, but the junior version is a realistic target. That would be the ultimate for me. Last year. I doubted myself a little bit but finished fourth. Now I know I'm quite good and

It is as if he feels he has opened up too much by rating his chances when he adds: "I'm not confident but I have learnt a little bit, so I'm all-out to win." The modest racer's final words are appropriately non-committal: what happens."

RUGBY UNION

Popplewell called to account for punching

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

NICK POPPLEWELL, the Newcastle and Ireland prop. will appear before a Rugby Football Union (RFU) disciplinary panel next Monday to answer accusations of bringing the game into disrepute. It will be the fourth time that the panel has met since the union revised its disciplinary proce-dure, and this hearing may well prove the most strongly contested.

The charge arises from the Courage Clubs Championship second division meeting between Bedford and Newcastle on April 5, when Popplewell punched Scott Murray, the Bedford lock, necessitating his replacement and two visits to hospital before Murray could be assured that there was no permanent damage to one eye.

The incident was seen by a touch judge and Popplewell was penalised and shown a yellow card. Subsequently, Newcastle fined the player an unspecified amount but, after reviewing a video of the match. Roy Manock, the RFU disciplinary officer, decided that Popplewell, 33, should appear before a three-man panel at Darlington to deter-mine whether a further penalty should be imposed.

Newcastle are likely to mount a strong defence of their player, who has already been punished on and off the pitch. However, a basic tenet of the RFU procedures, which come into effect when a player has been cited for foul play. when he has been sent off or when he faces a disrepute charge, is that clubs should not effectively "buy" freedom for their players by the imposi-

Had Popplewell been sent off, he would have been suspended for 30 days. After listening to Popplewell and any character witnesses he chooses to bring, the panel may yet impose a suspension or issue a reprimand.

During the past year, disciolinary panels have suspended Neil Back, the Leicester flanker, for six months for pushing Steve Lander, the match referee, at the end of the Pilkington Cup final last season and Phil Adams, the Bristol lock, for 60 days after his club fined him for foul play. Charles Cusani, the Orrell lock, was reprimanded for accumulating five yellow warning cards, and another such case awaits the panel's

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Illingworth sidelined by shoulder injury

RICHARD Illingworth, the Worcestershire left-arm spin-ner, will miss the first month of the cricket season after a freak accident in a Bradford League match. Illingworth dislocated a shoulder while playing for Windhill.

David Leatherdale, his

Worcestershire team-mate, who was batting at the time for Farsley, said: "He fell awkwardly and was obvious-ly in a lot of pain."

Scan for Hunte

Rugby league: St Helens will send their centre, Alan Hunte, for a hospital scan to deter-mine the extent of the hamstring injury that threatens to rule him out of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final, against Bradford Bulls, at Wembley on Saturday week.

Drugs ban

Ski jumping: Andreas Goldberger was suspended by the Austrian Ski Federation in Vienna yesterday after his admission that he once took cocaine. Peter Schroecksnadel, president of the federation, said that the suspension would stay in effect until the disciplinary committee of his organisation reaches a decision on how to react.

Lehman on top

Golf: Tom Lehman, the Open champion, yesterday replaced Greg Norman at the top of the world rankings. Tiger Woods lies fifth. Lehman finished joint fourth in the MCI Classic, which was won by Nick Price, of Zimbabwe.

Wales win three

Larrage. The Wales women's team has beaten Western Australia 18-0, 22-2 and 15-0 in three warm-up games in Perth before the World Cup in Tokyo oz Sunday.

Cooke to retire

Table tennis: Alan Cooke, the England No 3 and losing finalist on Sunday in the Com-

Costa's title

Tennis: Albert Costs, best his fellow Spaniard. Albert Portas, 7-5, 6-4, 6-4 to win the Barcelona Open yesterday.

IN TOMORROW'S

FASHION

Belt up Grace Bradberry looks at the belted coat as a new look for summer,

FOOTBALL

Cup Fever. Can Chesterfield overcome troubled Middlesbrough and go all the way to Wembley?

ARTS

Where now for the Opera House? An interview with Genista McIntosh, new Chief Executive of the Royal Opera House,

STYLE How to get A Look.

hup://www.the-times.co.uk.

CHANGING TIMES



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent If you have four of a side suit in your hand with three in dummy. it is not obvious that there is a ruffing possibility. Good players, however, are on the lookout for it. An example:

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South opened One Spade, North raised to Two Spades and South went on to Four Spades. After winning the diamond lead, declarer crossed to dummy with a spade and played a heart to the jack and king. West switched to a club. How

should declarer play? The problem with simply drawing trumps is that, if they are 4-1, and the hearts are not 3-3, declarer will make only four spades and two hearts to go with his three minor-suit winners. Correct technique after winning the club is to continue with a heart to the queen, and another heart. If East ruffs. he is ruffing a loser. and declarer may subsequently be able to discard a club from dummy on the ace of hearts, and then take a club ruff. If West ruffs the third heart,

the trick comes back, as declarer can ruff the fourth heart in dummy. And when West has four trumps that is the only way to make the contract. If West ruffs in on the fourth round, dummy overruffs, otherwise the small heart can be ruffed low. Thus declarer makes five tricks in spades, one high heart and one heart ruff, and three in the minors. The annual marathon at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club was a live-session (165 boards) pairs event, played from noon on Saturday to noon on Sunday, with halfhour breaks between sessions.
RESULTS: 1. P Gawys, W Napper and M Sozonozak (58.97 per cent), 2. Jason and Justin Hachett (58.47 per cent); 3. M Courtney and U Durmus (58.16 per cent). ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

WORD-WATCHING

PRAMNIAN

b. Sticky wine

RUMBO

c. A trochaic metre

a. Strong punch b. A card game

Answers on page 52

By Philip Howard

RANDY a. A Scholar at St John's b. A tricycle c. To canvass

RISTLE a. Gristle

b. To build a bonfire A Hebridean plough KEENE ön CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Computer win On May 3 in New York, Garry

Kasparov commences his six-game challenge against IBM's upgraded Deep Blue computer. IBM scientists are now predicting that brain, which can now see 1,000 million different chess positions every second, will defeat the human world champion.

The match last year began sensationally, when Kasparov threw caution to the winds and sacrificed material in an effort to land a death blow on the white king. Sadly, complicated tactics are what computers handle best and all of Kasparov's ingenious attacking ploys were thwarted by Deep Blue's merciless calculation.

White: Deep Blue Black: Garry Kasparov Philadelphia 1996

Sicilian Defence 1 64 2 c3 2 c3 3 exd5 4 d4 5 NH3 6 0-0 9 Be3 10 cxd4 71 a3 13 Nh5 17 Bg5 18 Bxf6 19 Nc4 20 Nxb6 21 Rfd1 22 Qe3

g3 Rc7 Nd8 Nxf7+ Ng5+ Rxh7+

This game, a first in the history of chess, was the first occasion that a human world champion had been

Chinese chess

The Bank of China Cup to determine the UK champion in the Chinese style of chess (Xiangoi), was played over the weekend. LEADING RESULTS: 1, Cheung Wensheng: 2, Chen Fazuo; 3, Wang Shungi

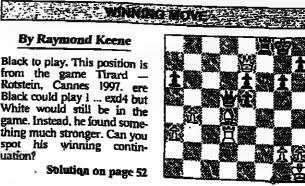
Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Tirard — Rotstein, Cannes 1997, ere Black could play I ... exd4 but White would still be in the game. Instead, he found something much stronger. Can you

spot his winning contin-

. Solution on page 52



Swinburn takes break from saddle

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

WALTER SWINBURN, one of Britain's most successful jockeys, yesterday stood himself down indefinitely to combat persistent problems with his weight. He therefore misses the mount on the 2,000 Guineas favourite, Entrepreneur, but maintained he had no intention of retiring.

After a debilitating 15-

month period, triggered by the horrific fall he suffered in Hong Kong, the jockey's weight has continued to fluctuate despite his "rigid adherence to a medically supervised diet". The absence of a stable weight has made it impossible for Swinburn, 35, to continue riding without addressing the

"I am hugely disappointed to be forced into making this decision," Swinburn said in a

HIGHARD EVANS

Nap: TAUNT (2.50 Pontefract) Next best: Royal Expression (4.50 Pontefract)

prepared statement. "However, I would not be fair to myself or anyone else if I did not give my body or my metabolism a chance to settle down and it has significantly failed to do that in recent months."

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Unlike jockeys who are naturai lightweights. Swinburn has constantly battled the scales. He has survived on a balance of dietary restraint - followed by excess and punishing rounds in the sauna. But the routine, commonly adopted in Britain's weighing-rooms, appeared to collapse for Swinburn since he returned from injuries which required a week of intensive care treatment in February.

Last month be admitted to eating disorders in the wake of

an appearance in Newmarket magistrates court - where he was fined £500 for assaulting a restaurant owner and damaging his' property. Swin-burn's father, Wally, formerly a champion jockey in Ireland, also spoke of a similar condition in his riding days.

Swinburn's decision — which he said was in the long-term interests of my career - comes at a pivotal time. Away from the saddle for six months with severe head and chest injuries, he returned victorious at the first attempt aboard Talathath at Windsor in August. And he rounded off his abbreviated campaign by steering Pilsud-ski to land the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Turf in Toronto six months ago.
While in a Hong Kong

hospital, recovering from his fall, Swinburn was touched by the plight of local children seriously injured in an earth-quake. He raised £60,000 towards children's causes by a sponsored walk in Ireland, where he described Entrepreneur, trained by Michael Stoute, as his motivating force

for the coming season. Stoute, who has always stood by Swinburn in times of turbulence, yesterday af-firmed his support for the troubled jockey. "I have been very aware that life has been a struggle for him recently and I look forward to him coming back when the problem is under control, when he will most certainly have my full support."

Patrons of the Stoute stable also pledged their allegiance. Chris Richardson, manager of the Thompson-owned Cheveley Park Stud, which has a significant presence with Stoute, said yesterday: "I know the Thompson family have always admired and respected Walter. He has aiways been part of the team



Swinburn, in happier times, celebrates winning on Talathath at Windsor last year on his return from injury

and we look forward to him rejoining us when he is ready. He was due to ride Dazzle for us in the 1,000 Guineas and we shall miss his presence."

Dr Michael Turner, medical officer at the Jockey Club, said Swinburn was free to return as soon as he felt ready. "It is inevitable some jockeys will have eating disorders but that's far from saying they can't lead normal lives. It is both debilitating and depressing for people when their weight goes up and down but there's no reason at all why Walter should not be back."

On the 2,000 Guineas front, Ian Balding has booked Michael Hills to ride his Free Handicap winner, Hidden Meadow, and Cash Asmussen is to ride the Stoute-trained Desert Story in the Newmarket classic on May 3.

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

WHITBREAD GOLD CUP Sandown, April 26 -GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

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THIS year's Whitbroad Gold Cup has attracted a disappointingly small field, but it is nonatheless an entremely tricky race to weigh up.

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Ambart-spreas, third in the race less search, has been prepared with this in mind and is likely to be sent off fevourite on the day. He made an encountinging reappearance when third to Berioge over an inadequate trip at Aecot sartier this month, and seems sure to go wall, but rains of the same mark today and may again have to settle for a place. Beaton Barton Bart

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2,50 (2m 6f ch) f., Who is Equinemia (M A Fizzgarad, 4-11 law); 2, Volleybal (16-1); 3, Cernys Prerogative (66-1), 9 tan. 81, 11f. N Handerson, Tota C1.40, 51.10, E2.50, 510 10 DF: £10.20, Tinz £153 10. CSF: £6.94. De (2003). Index 1. Sharp Command (X. Alcpuru, 5-1); 2. Hencock (3-1 fay); 3. Equi De France (3-7); 11 farst, 10, 30 P. Scoler, Totar (5-7, 70: 2-4), 17 fb, 150, 151 O. D. F. St. 80. Tro. 1275 80. CSF: \$17.41, Trocast 1440.94 Inc. 2275 80, CSF-217 41, Treast 2408 94 3.50 (3m 11cm) 1, Supposin IR Guest, 10-1); 2, Lay 1, Orl (7-2); 3, Funy Fox (6-1). Posman's Path 100-30 lay. 10 ran. 8t. 4t. Mrs S Smith Tols. 214.70; 23.50, £1.90, 23.10 DF. 234 80 Tric. 2202.90 CSF 237.91, Treast 2223 87 4.20 (2m 110wd cht 1. Mr Breachts IR

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(12-1); 3, Morths Jay (11-2) Naciest 9-2 8faw, 11 ren, 2, 64 S Sarie Toter £500 £2.00.
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4.50 (2m hole) 1. Antiquam Riyer (A P McCoy, 3-1 law), 2. Seve Ford (7-2), 3. Positivo (7-1) 10 rat. 7, 201. G Production Tote 54.00, 52.00, 51.50, 51.20 DF: 57.50 Tito 524.80 CSF 513.70 Tricast, 883 63. Placepot: £231.90. Quadpot: £36.50.

POINT TOPPOINT DETAILS

AXE VALE MARRIERS (Sistinat Cross)
Hunt 1, Jim Crow (M Miller, 8-11 tav),
finished alone, 4 ran Confined: 1, Clandon
Jack (T Mitchell, 170-30), 2, Gellard Effort,
3, Friendly Lady, 10 ran Men's Open 1,
Questian Memory (J Tizzard, 2-7 rav); 2,
Anjub. 2 ran Ledies, 1, Old Mill Stream
(Milles P Gundry, 5-2); 2, Arche Chill; 3, On
His Own, 6 ran Intermediate: 1, Mexicons
Own (T Mitchell, 4-8 Lay); 2, Highway Led;
3, Elle Flavador 6 ran Restricted: 1, Ann's
Ambition (M Frith, 8-1); 2, False Tal; 3,
Royal Turn, 11 ran Open Mon (5-7yo); 1,
Sue's Quest (P King, 7-2); 2, Fever Prict, 3,
Acosylvere 5 ran,
CRIARTON (Mollington); Nurt. 1, Broad

See's Cuses! [P King, 1-4): 2, Persis I tack at Acetylone 5 ran.
GRAFTON (Mollington): Hunt 1, Broad Steame (J Connell 2-5 ray), brished stone. 4 ran. Intermediate. 1, Nothing Ventured 4 ran. Earl King, 9 ran. Sporting Life Laddes: 1, Stephens Pet (Mass A Date, 1-4 lay), 2, Making Time. Only 2 finished 3 ran Continued: 1, Severn Inneder (Mass H Costing, 11-8); 2, Tomper: 3, Spousailed 7 Gosting, 11-81; 2, Connie Folger: 4, 10 ran. Open Moln I; 1, Roman Solitare: 10 ran. Open Moln I; 1, Roman Solitare: 10 ran. Open Moln I; 1, Roman Romany M Hamed, 11-21, 2, Connie Folger: Romany M Hamed, 11-21, 2, Connie Folger: Chairmer: 3, Miss Precoclous. 9 ran. Chairmer: 3, Miss Precoclous. 9 ran. Chairmer: 2, Miss Precoclous. 9 ran. Chairmer: 2, Miss Precoclous. 9 ran. Covert 2-1 HAYDON (Hesham point-to-point course): Hunt: 1, Noneolycurbusiness (7 Scott, 2-) fev), 2, Stanwick Fort; 3, Hawailan Prince 5

ran, Confined 1, Winnie Lorraine (T Scott, 7-1), 2, Will Travel; 3, Worthy Spark, 3 ran. Rest 1, Jolly Fellow (Miss S Ward, 7-1); 2, Solvayasnols, 3, Krops Tohren 9 ran, Men's Open; 7, Washakes (J Wallon, 7-4); 2, Todorag, 2 ran, Ladies; 1, Steele Justice (Mass P Robert, 14 fay), 2, Schwappes Tonic; 3, Hooky's Treal, 3 ran Open Mich (Byo+); 1, Mighly Express (A Ogden, 7-1); 2, Feet Pur, 3, Tohrin, 4 ran Open Mich (S-7yo); 1, Grand Enlyr (T Berry, 12-1), 2, The Carnair Flyer; 3, Miss Accounts 9 ran. Camair Flyer, 3, Mass Accounts 9 fast.

MEYNELL & SOUTH STAFFS (Sandon):
Hunt: 1, Domino Night (E Haddock, 8-11
tav): 2, Bucks Surprise 3, Sandy King 4
ran Confined: 1, Mi Wilbur (A Dation, 5-1);
2, No More The Foot, 3, Worlesion Farrier
8 ran, Men's Open: 1, Back The Road (6
Hammer, 4-5 tav): 2, Injunction: 3, Finley
Dirkly Doo 5 ran, Ladies 1, Very Daing
(Mass S Shamant, 10-1): 2, Southetis
daughter: only 2 finished, 4 ran PPORA 1,
Rober (A Dahon, 4-6 lav); 2, Vufon Gole, 3,
Pentilyne's Pride Gran, Midh 1, Arafier Man
(A Crow, Evens fav): 2, Sandi Devit, 3, My
Hrat Man, 6 ran

PEMBRONESHIRE (Lydstep) Hunt: 1,
Radio Days (J dukes, 1-8 tav); 2, Nerstin's
Choice, 2 ran, Intermeditare 1, Sterting
Buck, Lydlan Pritchard, 2-1); 2, Dick's
Cabin, Only 2 finished, 4 ran Men's Open.
1, Landslew Missile (E Williams, 1-2 tav); 2,
A Profic; 3, No Pents, 3 ran Open Midh (570): 1, A Few Dollars More (Julian
Pritchard, 6-4 tav); 2, Celin Bizante
Only 2 finished, 4 can, Roser 1, Plucky
Putter (P Williams, Evens Isov); 2, Nagterny, 3, Nikasaccondorlance, 7 ran
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2,00 Blue Imperial, 2,30 Press On Nicky, 3,00 Lasham, 3,30 Peoplett, 4,00 Cuben Nights, 4,30 Almuhtaram, 5,00 Herbshen Dancer. Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 YET AGAIN. Newmerket Correspondent: 3.30 JOHN EMMS (nap).

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2.00 WALMER APPRENTICE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0; £2,277; 6f 189yd) (11 runners)

2.30 FOLKESTONE TOWN LIMITED STAKES (£3,018: 6f 189yd) (10)

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306 IP 3-20- WHATE SETTLES 225 ID) DR Privages 6-9-6. S Dreams
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3.00 SANDLING SELLING STAKES

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2.40 Nordic Valley. 3.10 Mrs Em. 3.40 All For Luck. 4,10 Pridwell. 4.40 Final Pride. 5.10 Country Lover. Carl Evans: 4,40 Final Pride.

2.40 REYNARD HOVICES CHASE (£2,850: 2m 3t 110yd) (5 runners)

3.40 WEATHERBYS SPONSORSHIP IN RACING HANDICAP CHASE (£3,534 3m 2t 110yd) (5)

9-4 Ali For Lock, 11-4 Fortunes Course, 4-1 Stealma Princess. 5-1 Have To Think, Frigges Drap

3.30 BARHAM MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,148; 61) (10)

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3.10 BETTY'S 90TH BIRTHDAY MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (E2.252; 2m 110yd) (4)

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4.10 HANCOCKS HB HANDICAP HURDLE

4,40 DUNRAVEN WINDOWS SOUTH AND WEST WALES POINT-TO-POINT CHAMPIONSHIP (Hunter chase: arnaleurs: £3,649; 3m) (12)

11 -541 ACHAR. CAYS 239 (F.5) Mass D Harms (2-1)-12 M Harms (1-1)
12 0913 THE LAST MISTRESS 109 (F) A Count 10-11-12 S Solution (7)
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5.10 SAPLING HOYICES HURBLE (£2,234, 2m 4t 110yd) (5)

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

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Midnight Legend can strike again

BY OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT

DAVID NICHOLSON CAR get the three-day Pun-chestown Festival off to a fine start for British trainers as his impressive Aintree winner, Midnight Legend, has a fine opportunity to follow up in the Country Pride Champion

Novices' Hurdle today.

The nine-runner field has also attracted the Nicky Henderson-trained Sharpical. who chased home Midnight Legend at the Grand National meeting. It would be no surprise to see them fill the

first two places again. There was plenty to like about how Midnight Legend quickened again when asked by Richard Johnson at Aintree In contrast Sharpical looked to be travelling like a winner going to the last flight but found disappointingly lit-

tle when let down. Midnight Legend has the advantage of being a relatively fresh horse and will relish ground which is officially good but should ride a good deal faster. Toast The Spreece, the winner of the Irish Lincoln last time out,

looks best of the home team. The most valuable race of the day is the £50,000 BMW Handicap Chase, which the former two-mile champion chaser, Klairon Davis, attempts to win for the second year running. Klairon Davis disappointed many when he could manage only fourth behind Martha's Son at Cheltenham last month and, although he would appreciate more cut in the ground, he is favoured by the race

With a minimum weight of 10st 11lb, only Merry Gale, who carries 11st 2lb, can join him in the handicap proper and the three British challengers - Arctic Kinsman. Big Matt and Lord Dorcet face a tough task at the weights. Arctic Kinsman could prove best of them but Klairon Davis is difficult to 2200qq

conditions.

Bob Buckler, the Dorset trainer, has his first runners in Ireland when he sends out three horses. Court Musicr may find the ground too firm in the Bradstock Insurance Novices' Chase but the British raiders may still have the edge in the shape of the impressive Newbury winner, Linton Rocks, trained by Tim Thomson Jones.

Miss Diskin represents Buckler in the Ballymore Properties Handicap Chase, while Ground Nut tackles the Balcas Handicap Hurdle. Neither, however, makes much peal.

PONTEFRACT

2.15 Henry The Hawk 2,50 Will You Dance

3.50 ROKEBY BOWL (nep) 4,20 Forest Robin

4.50 Sterling Fellow 3.20 S≋ndown

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.50 Zinzeri. 4.20 Another Time.

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Test trial provides little new evidence

EDGBASTON (final day of four): England A drew with The Rest

THE life of the Tetley's Shield was short and unexciting, and its passing little mourned. The customary blights of April rain and cloudy skies returned yesterday to thwart the best efforts of Adam Hollioake and Mark Ramprakash to stage a meaningful finish to the first significant match of the new season. Over four days, the fixture was deprived of 114 overs.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND A: First Innings 453 for 4 dec (M A Butcher 153, J E R Galkan 106, A J Hollinaka 70 not out:

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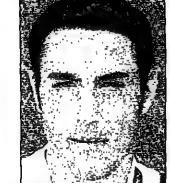
THE REST: First innings 350 for 6 dec IMR Remprakash 108 not out, R J Warren D L Meddy not out

BOWLING: Headley 1-0-8-0, Chapple 0.3-0-1-0 Umores: H D Bird and R Paimer

The final day began in sunshine and with a promising climax in prospect. With Ramprakash's side. The Rest. taking the morning honours. it took some unconvincing slogging from Chapple and - who was caught off a no-ball before he had scored - to raise 50 for England A's eighth wicket and set up the game's third declaration 45

Laney and Maddy had just embarked on chasing 277 from a minimum of 52 overs when the rain came. Hollioake's target was a stiff one and the slightest interruption was fatal to the hunt being resumed. Umpires Palmer and Bird his bruised eye still shining

minutes after lunch.



Ben Hollioake: showed good all-round skills

brightly in what by then could only be termed bright gloom — called off play at the earliest possible opportunity, 5pm, their task simplified by the fact that they were without light

meters because the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has not yet received a new supply.

In the event, the match, wisely treated as a trial for what England hope are their rising stars, told the selectors little that may be of use in their

campaign to regain the Ashes this summer. Butcher and Ramprakash, who shared the match award, and Gallian gave reminders of their competency, and are high in the pecking order should a mishap befall one of England's established batsmen, while Headley is apparently also well regarded. Others may

In this respect, the match provided greater encourage ment. Ben Hollioake is still a teenager and was playing only his fourth first-class match, but already he looks a player of substance. Having batted with maturity on Sunday for his unbeaten 46, yesterday he produced an excellent spell of ively medium-pace bowling in the hour before lunch.

wait longer for preferment.

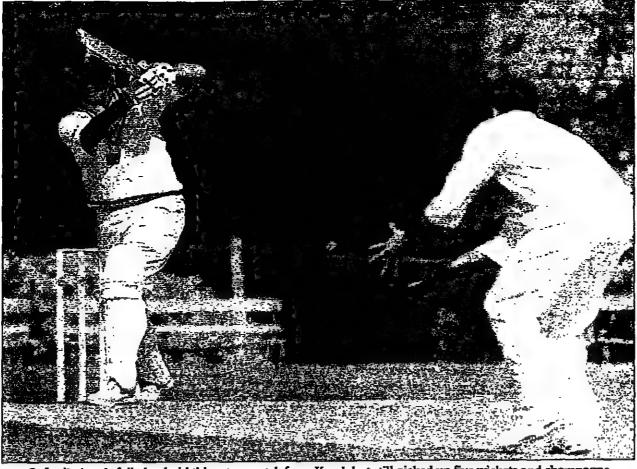
He claimed three good wickets in five overs - McGrath, Ealham and his elder brother. Adam, who was undone by extra bounce and gloved a catch to Warren, another who did his cause no harm here. Hollioake was educated at Millfield - one of the best cricket nurseries in the country and Alma Mater of, among numerous other active players, Dean Cosker, a teammate yesterday - and has also played rugby and hockey at

He concentrated on a full length and a steady line on or outside off stump, which was certainly the area to bowl to McGrath, who scored 62 -- to add to his first-innings 46 without inspiring confidence. The Yorkshireman tried in vain time and again to pull Tudor through mid-wicket and was bowled off a thick inside edge attempting to repeat another of his favourite shots, the cut through gully. Ealham sliced a drive into the

hands of gully. When Hegg was caught at silly point pushing forward to a ball from Solanki on the stroke of lunch, England A were precariously placed, 123 for seven leading by 226.

If this fixture is to continue in its present format, the ECB might do better to reschedule it two or three weeks further into the season, when the players are better into their stride and the appetite of spectators truly whetted. This game attracted paltry attendances, and it had only something to do with the weather.

TODAY'S FIXTURES



Oxford's Averis failed to hold this return catch from Keech but still picked up five wickets and champagne

Eighth-wicket pair deny Hampshire

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

THE PARKS (final day of three): Oxford University drew with Hampshire

WHEN it seemed that they would surrender their second innings, and the match, Oxford University denied Hampshire last night. Patel and Scrini batted out the last hour and a half after seven wickets had gone down for 137 and Hampshire's attack, which lacked Connor, who went off with a neck injury after bowling only four overs, was powerless to overcome them. Patel ended the day with a

of the nearby Demerara river

yesterday morning, the fifth

and final Test match between

the West Indies and India

meandered towards the sort of

meaningless draw that gives

five-day cricket such a bad

name. West Indies won the

A useful crowd - made

vociferous by a potent mix of

bright sun and dark rum -

watched Carl Hooper and Shivnarine Chanderpaul

wheel away mechanically for

much of the afternoon at

India's unexciting middle-and

Mohammad Azharuddin,

in his element against a list-

less attack on a featherbed,

had briefly threatened may-

hem in the morning - driv-

ing, flicking and pulling the

bowlers for a succession of

boundaries — until his in-

nings was cut short by Edwin

Nichols, a local umpire stand-

Azharuddin was given out caught behind off Bishop

when television replays

showed that the bowler had

overstepped the crease by at

least two inches, making his

ing in his first Test match.

late-order batsmen.

series I-0.

Whitaker, who was roped in as the seventh bowler when all other plays had failed. Scrini, who seems to be a bit of a battler, simply declared "they shall not pass", and got his head down. Once again he didn't favour a sweater although it was warmer in the Parks: at any rate, less cold.

Stephenson declared the Hampshire innings on 415 for five, a lead of 172, after Keech had completed a century to go with the captain's. All the wickets went to the bustling seamer, Averis, who later received a bottle of champagne as the students' man of the match; the umpires' choice

series in which Indian bats-

men have lost their wickets to

In the third Test in Barba-

dos, Sachin Tendulkar was

out to an uncalled no-ball for

93 in the first innings. In the

critical second innings, with

an unsuccessful India chasing

120 to win. Naviot Sidhu, the

India opener, was also given

Georgetown, however, contin-

ued to be aimed at the West

Indies cricket authorities for

their lackadaisical approach

to protecting Test grounds against rain. Yesterday, Geof-

frey Boycott, in the Caribbean

as a television commentator,

added his voice to a growing

clamour for Georgetown to be

stripped of Test match status.

In a view that echoes that of

Michael Holding, the former

West Indies fast bowler, Boy-

cost said that the time had

come for Georgetown to be

used only as a venue for one-

day internationals. He said:

Let them set aside five days

for two one-day games, which

would allow for reserve days if

By SIMON WILDE

the bowler's end as Malik, the

non-striker, took a step forward and then turned his

BERNARD PAUL, the lightwelterweight from Totten-ham, makes his first assault

on a significant title when he

meets Felix Bwalya, of Zam-

bia, for the vacant Common-

wealth championship at York Hall, Bethnal Green, tonight

four defeats and four draws

Greenford, on points to lift the

(Srikumar Sen writes). As Paul's record of 19 wins.

vesterday.

The loudest criticism in

out off a no-ball.

Draw brings series to

unsatisfactory close

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN GEORGETOWN

MOVING at the slothful pace dismissal the third in this

no-balls.

Oxford were in trouble as soon as Mascarenhas was brought on. It is hard to pin down this 19-year-old. He was born in London to Sri Lankan parents and brought up in Australia, where he has played club cricket in Perth. Strictly speaking, therefore, he is an Aussie, but it is not a point that Hampshire will press strongly. He took nine wickets on his debut last year. against Glamorgan, and ought to command a regular

When he dismissed Byrne, who had batted well for his 49. Hampshire nostrils twitched at the prospect of an early night, but they were still

ace this time.

bowling at six o'clock as Patel and Scrini refused to budge. After failing narrowly to keep Durham at bay last week, the students will take comfort from this draw and hope that their batsmen start turning decent forties and fifties into the kind of big hundred Ed Smith made for Cambridge at the weekend.

It would be proper to retract yesterday's criticism of the use mobile phones on the outfield. The student in question, Jamie Haynes, was in fact checking on the health of his father, who is recovering after a serious operation. Best wishes to the father, therefore, and apologies to the son.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

University match Oxford University v Hampshire

THE PARKS (final day of three): Oxford University draw with Hampshire

Extras (b 1, fb 9, w 8, nb 4) SOWLING: Commor 4-1-9-0, Milburn 16-4-24-1; James 13-2-25-1; Misscarenhas 20-3-63-5, Udal 24 5-12-33-0; Stepherson 6-1-13-0, Whitaker 14-0-18-0

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings G W White c Morgan b Averla -"J P Stephanson c Patel b Avens K D James c Lightfoot b Averis

M Keech c Wagh b Averis

W S Kendali b Averis

P R Whitaker not but

Extrae (b 16, lb 8, w 16, nb 20) ... řotal (5 wkts dec) 1AN Ayrres, S D Ldal, A D Mascarenhae, C A Coreto and S M Miburn did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-179, 3-352, 4-10, 5-415 8-410, 5-416 BOWJNG: Avens 30 2-5-98-5; Patel 27-5-99-0; Hudson 21-5-62-0; Byrne 10-1-32-0; Wagh 23-5-50-0; Mather 9-1-50-0.

Umpres: J H Hams and N A Malender First Test match

Sri Lanka v Pakistan COLOMBO (third day of five), Palusian, with one first-imings widst in hand, are 40 nins ahead of Sn Lankii SRI LANKA. First Immings 330 (H P Tulekaratne 103, FI S Kaluwitherena 57, Septem Mushing 6 for 89)

PAKISTAN: First immo-Salm Early tow 5 Yaus "Ramz Raja c Ranatunga

BOWLING Vass 28-8-72-1; Zores 10-0-55-0; Dharmasens 48-17-85-1; Mura-th-eran 53-19-98-5 Javasunya 3-0-15-0 De Silva 4-0-18-0; Ranasunya 3-1-5-0 Ambo Umpres: U Wickremasinghe (Sii Lan-a) and D R Shepherd (England).

Fifth Test match

West Indies v India GEORGETOWN (final day of this, funch); India have acoust 301 for five works; against West Indias

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1N R Morega not out 13
A R Kumble not out 14
Extrac (0 4, lb 5, w 2, nb 13) 24
Total (5 wides)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-68, 3-231, 4-241, 5-280, erzett, 5-289. BOWLING: Ambrose 29-14-36-0; Bishop 26-8-50-2; Rose 30 4-6-85-2; Walsh 38 2-9-62-1; Hooper 7-2-18-0; Chanderpaul 23-7-

WEST INDIES: S.L. Campbell, S.C. Williams, S. Chenderpaul, B.C. Lara, C.L. Hooper, R.J. C. Holder, 1C. O. Browne, I. R. Bishop, C. E. L. Ambrose, F. A. Rose, "C. A. Walsh, Umpres: E Nicholis (West Indes) and G Stylin (Erroland)

All-embracing 6 tales from the exclusion zone

t this time of year I tend to think of my good friend Geoffrey - though some might imagine that friend is pitching it a bit high, and good higher still. Never mind. He has rendered the nation some service simply by dedicating a fair part of his adult life to the noble cause of cheering others up.

Henry Root had nothing on this man. "It has long been my custom," he wrote one Christmas to a big-wig at the Yates Wine Lodge Company, "to buy a bottle of your splendid Bismarck port from the offsales department. I note that the facility has been with drawn this year, and I find myself looking for some kind soul to help me effect a purchase. Are you such a

Length

At the outset of the Gulf War he banged off a letter to Tom King at the Ministry of Defence indicating that "Mr Lawson Wild and myself shall have strong opinions.
So, when Matthew Engel be arriving in Whitehall next Wednesday at 0900 hours, and although we have our own provisions hamper we shall obviously require quar-

Please spare no expense on He made these letters public, and many of the replies they provoked were phrased in a playful tone that he would recognise. Clearly, for men working long hours behind official desks, dealing with a merry prankster broke up the

tering, and then transporta-

tion to the theatre of war.

tedium of replying to the real cranks, although the Yorkshire Electricity Board was surprised to be told to remove its pylons from our sacred Lancashire land - it's

not for the likes of inclusive' Then, one day. he struck oil. He wrote to the

Daily Telegraph, requesting that as my birthday is coming up soon, perhaps you could find room for an acknowledgement." The next week, among the ballerinas and civil servants, it read: "Geoffrey McMillan, cricketer. 47." To make sure nobody missed the ruse he brandished a copy of the paper at everybody within earshot (most of Lancashire) demanding payment in ale. "There vou are. Henderson," he said. Bat, pad and wicket."

McMillan, "cricketer": now there is a joke! He was, like most of us. what John Arlott called "a cricketer in the mind", and the start of a new county season provides a good excuse to commend that underrated breed. Most of us don't play the game regularly, not to an acceptable standard anyway, and most cricketlovers, even those affiliated to county clubs, no longer watch

much cricket in the flesh. Yet the game still retains its place in many hearts, and occupies a special place in what we can still call, just about, the national fabric. To some, no doubt, the image of cricket is absurdly old-fashioned. To others it is a

MICHAEL " HENDERSON

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Line and

broadsheets and, if you visit the kind of taverns I do, there is still plenty of scope for argument, which suggests that people care sufficiently to

writes in Wisden of cricket being seen as "exclusionist" and "elitist". I think of men like Geoffrey and Roger ('the dodger'), who played their cricket on grounds where those qualities are not greatly

Engel should not despair. even if it is the mood that suits him best. In the weeks to come, young people will be introduced to the game in all sorts of ways. The game, after all. means a lot more than how the England team happens to be doing at

any one time. With each too. A window passing year I feel more

cleaner by trade (which did not hím many elites), he was once skulled by Franklyn Stephenson, the West Indian all-

The dodger" is

worth a mention.

rounder, who was the professional that year for Oldham. As he was led off, there was no sympathy for the hapless batsman. All he heard was: That I teach you to hook the

Another time, playing in a benefit match, he caught the beneficiary brilliantly at midon, and couldn't understand why his team-mates were reluctant to share his joy. Geoffrey, who was keeping wicket, put it to him plainly. "Because, you dozy so-and-so, when the fine man we are honouring came in to bat they were passing round the hat and there were dozens of people walking into the ground. When they heard you'd caught him, they put their money back in their pockets and walked right off home again."

Far from being exclusionist I would say that cricket has included me in more comradeship, more innocent fun, more long days, more late nights, and more sense of time having not been wasted than almost anything else. With each passing year, I feel more inclusive. In fact, I feel so happy that I'll even buy the editor of Wisden a drink. If I

powerful trigger. It remains a "well-read" game in the can be sure of getting one Ijaz recalled from pavilion to resume innings

lock-off 7 30 unless stated * denotes alf-ticker match Semi-finals, second leg AS Monaco (1) v Internazionale (3) Schalle 04 (0) v Tenenie (1) (7.45)

FOOTBALL

FA Cup Chesterfield v Middlesbrough (at Hillsborough, 7.45) FA Carling Premiership

Nationwide Langua Final division ipswich v Manchester City (7 45)
Portsmouth v Barnsley (7.45)

Second division Blackpool v Brentford Luton v Bury (7 45) Slockport v York Wrednam v Crewa

Answers from page 50

(c) A kind of plough formerly used in the Hebrides. From the Gaelic risteal, Old Norse ristill. "The ristle plough seems to have been capable only of making a deep scratch on the soil."

(b) A wine from the neighbourhood of Smyrua, on the western coast of Asia Minor. Sweet for modern taste. "The Pramnian

(a) A kind of strong punch, hangover-maker, made chiefly of rum. Smollett, Peregrine Pickle, 1751: He had provided vast quantities of strong beer, flip, rumbo, and burnt brandy."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1 ... Oxd4! wins as if 2 Rxd4 Rfl is mate. 2 Oxe6+ Kh8 doesn't help.

Vauvall Conference Macclesfield v Wolking (7 45) ... Morecambe v Stalybnoge (7,45) Terments Scottish Cup Semi-final reptay

(at Easter Road, Edinburgh, 7 45)

DR MARTTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Afferstone v Salsbury: Cambridge City v Astriord, Dorchester v Gloucester (7 45); Sudbury: To v Chetenham Michael division: Beacton v Granthem, Moor Green v Sutton Coldinid Town, Shepshed D v Biston, Southern division: Canderlord v Weston-super-Mare: Newport (loW) v Bashley; Yate v Fleet T. UNIBCOND. LEAGUE: Premier division: Affeton v Findkey; Bamber Bridge v Blyth Spartans, Gainsborouph v Runcom, Knowsley v Guiseley, Leek v Colwyn Bay First division: Great Harwood v Leigh; Harrogater Town v Greina, Lincoln United v Worksog: Stockstridge PS v Congleton: Workington v Affreton (7.45). Dulwich v Dagenham and Reclaridge (7.45). Grays v Boretam Wood; St. Albars v Aylesbury; Sutron United v Heydridge; Yeading v Stanes, Yeovil v Oxford City (7.45). Flest

WORD WATCHING

(c) To canvas. From the verb rand to rave or rant, to utter in a farious manner, to gibber. "Who advised him, as soon as ever be came to the randying ground, to bray with all his might."

PRAMNIAN

wine (which the same Homer bath so highly commended) continues yet in credit and holds the name still: it comes from a vineyard in the country about Smyrna near to the temple of Cybele." RUMBO

division: Bitericay v Wolvingham, Canvey taland v Libondge, Leyton Pernient v Molesey, Second division: Barking v Wembey, Colier Row and Romford v Metercolian Police; Dorlang v Bensteed, Wars v Beoford T. Wherefine v Horsteam. Third division: Epison and Gwell v Homehurch. AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: Find division: Wallord v Cueens Park Rangers (at Checham United FC).
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PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier divisions Everton v Trammee (7.0).
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Royston v Hotclesdon; Welvyn Gerden v Langlod
ENDSLEICH MIDLAND COMEINATION: Premier division: Coverny Spring v Anechusch; Knowle v Southam: Richmond Switts v Massey Ferguson, Wellesbourne v Coleshal HELENIC LEAGUE. Premier division: V Amondsbury. COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Contribuso-Casuals y Netherne.

LEAGUE: Cortifinan-Casuals v Neitherne.
NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Hother Old Boys v Pernift.
Narrhusch Town v Burscough
LEAGUE: Passand P and T v Great Yarmouth. Corteston v Diss; Helsland v Woodbridge Town; Harwich and Parkeston v Neumarket.
Woodbridge Town; Harwich and Parkeston v Neumarket. UNLEPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE Cup: First, second leg: N Spencer v Desborough NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Arrold v Denaby, North Femby v Belper Town, Ossert Albign v Hudenal Town; Powering v Brigg Town; Pontefact Cols v Hatfield Main.

Courage Clubs Championship Newbury v Weston-super-Mare (7.30)

OTHER SPORT BOXING: Commonweath light-welter-weight championship (vacard) Bernard Poul (Tottenham) v Felix Bwelya (Zambie) (at York Helf, Bernari Green). UAZ AHMED, the Pakistan batsman, enjoyed a reprieve

so late that it possibly contravened the laws of cricket in the first Test match against Sri Lanka, in Colombo. fjaz was adjudged run out on 98 — by David Shepherd, the English umpire, following a mix-up with Sa-lim Malik, his brother-in-law. ljaz played a ball from Muralitharan to midwicket and found himself stranded at

Shepherd called for K.T. Francis, the third umpire, to examine television replays and Francis, from Sri Lanka, ruled ljaz out. The next batsman. Inzamam-ul-Haq, was about to face his first delivery when Francis informed Shepherd that further replays showed that Malik, and not ljaz. was out since he had failed to ground his bat in

Ijaz was in the pavilion when Shepherd told Malik to leave the field, having first consulted with Arjuna Ranatunga, the Sri Lanka captain. ljaz resumed his innings and went on to score 113, his seventh Test century.

BOXING

Paul aiming to climb the ladder

The laws of cricket are for television replays after ambiguous in such a situations. They state that an umpire may alter his decision, provided that such alteration made promptly". But they also permit captains of fielding sides to seek permission to withdraw an appeal "provided the outgoing batsman has

not left the playing area".

David Orchard, the South African umpire, caused a furore in the Cape Town Test 15 months ago when he belatedly reversed a decision as play was about to resume. Originally he rejected run-out appeals by South Africa against Graham Thorpe, the England batsman, only to call

fined for his intervention. Orchard said that he momentarily forgot he had access to John Reid, the match referee yesterday, who was sitting

appeals from the crowd and

Hansie Cronje, the South

alongside Francis in the television box, defended the umpires. "Justice has been done Africa captain, who was later and that is what is important, not how long it took," he said. Pakistan finished the third day on 370 for nine, a lead of 40 runs. Muralitharan finished with career-best figures



suggests, he has not always looked impressive. A good win carry a punch to match Paul's. over the Zambian could lead to challenges at a higher level. Paul beat a good opponent in Richie Edwards, of

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pick himself up off the floor Little is known about the Zambian other than that he represented his country in the 1992 Olympic Games, went out in the first stage of the competition and, as a professional, he has won all his ten contests. Even though eight of those contests have been stopped, he does not appear to

The Zambian has not boxed competitively for a year and may not be sharp enough to pose too many problems for the Londoner. But African

Ghana, surprised Billy Schwer and, last week, second half of the contest.

Simpwe Pamana, a littleknown South African, had Paul Lloyd, of Ellesmere Port. in serious trouble before being stopped by the Britan in the eleventh round. But. tonight, Paul should come through any difficult moments to win in the ☐ Spencer Oliver, of Barnet, will challenge for the European super-bantamweight

title held by Martin Krastev, of Bulgaria, at the Picketts Lock Leisure Centre in north Southern Area title, but had to \ opponents can never be taken \ London on May 20.

Robson considers options before Van Gaal moves in



Robson: can cash in on his success

THE worst-kept secret in foot-ball's garrulous world is now ball is politics and Barcelona represent the politics of Cataadmitted: Bobby Robson's job as coach to Barcelona is to be handed to Louis van Gaal just as soon as the Dutchman finishes his tenure with Ajax at the end of this season.

Robson should care. This is the 47th year in which he has committed himself body and soul to football and he is virtually guaranteed higher earnings than ever - certainly in many multiples above the £4.50 per week of his apprenticeship down the pit, where his father. Philip, missed only one shift in 51 years. Indeed, Robson could yet

finish his season with Barcelo-na by winning the Spanish league, the Spanish Cup and the European Cup Winners' Cup. He will probably have to settle for second to Real Madrid in the league, but that is a culpable offence where footrepresent the politics of Catalan separatist ideals.

He knew all of this when he took the challenge, he knew it when he enticed Ronaldo, the most coveted player in the world, to join him in Spain, yet, last week, as Ronaldo was using the predatory presence of Sergio Cragnotti, the president of Lazio, of Rome, to bump up his Barcelona salary to £5 million net per year, Robson was being crassly abused by a Madrid journal-ist. "Robson is the worst coach in the world," the malign fellow wrote.

Again. Robson should care. Also in Barcelona, according to Everton, was Peter Johnson, the Everton chairman. Coming from Merseyside, from the place where the Beatles composed that song When I'm 64, Johnson was offering another fortune to the 64-year-old Rob-

son to start rebuilding Everton. This time, it appears, the homecoming, if Robson is ready for it, would be to a united boardroom, without the split that became evident when Newcastle United beckoned Robson in the winter.

But he may not come. Reportedly, he has the option, any time he wants it, of a return to the sunnier clime of Oporto, where his team was an unequivocal winner. And who could blame Josep Unis Núñez, the Barcelona presi-dent, for wanting Robson to stay, in a capacity of his choice other than team cnach?

Núñez is the most cunning of presidents in a club built on politics, but even he has warmed to Robson's character, to his enduring enthusiasm, integrity and the judgment that brought Ronaldo to the Nou Camp.
"Robson's future." Núñez ROB HUGHES



Overseas View

said last weekend, "depends only on the man himself. It is his decision."

Possibly so, but Barcelona had then lost 3-1 to lowly Real Valladolid. Days later, after Barcelona had beaten Athletic Bilbao 2-0, Robson was told by the press that Núñez had finally admitted Van Gaal was to join Barcelona. Robson blinked, drew on his long experience and responded: The club are designing a new structure for the future and I am involved in these

So, Everton wait, FC Porto hover and Barcelona expect a cup or two before decisions are final. Van Gaal, meanwhile, probably comes to the end of an era on Wednesday night. He has been a trainer at Ajax right through the system that produced the finest school professional football has known. That school is now ravaged annually by the departures of irreplaceable talents, migrating under the Bosman ruling to Italian clubs, even without recompense to Ajax.

In addition, half of Van Gaal's starswere grounded by long-term injuries this season ... yet still the club reached the European Cup semi-final, where it had the misfortune to be overrun in the first leg in Amsterdam by unquestion-ably the best side in Europe,

Juventus. Unless there is the season's biggest surprise in store for the return leg in Turin, this is the end of the road for Van Gaal and Ajax. Even the adulteration of the Champions' League, allowing, from next season, not only the champions but the runners-up of five favoured nations into the most lucrative of tournaments, will not benefit Ajax.

How anomalous it is to continue with the description "champions". Uefa. European football's governing body, con-fesses that the change in format has a commercial,

ous, base. The countries that will each have two teams in the event next autumn - Italy. Spain, England, France and Germany — happen to pro-vide 90 per cent of Uefa's income. This money, £122 million over the 1996-97 campaign, represents 31 per cent more than the 1994 World Cup finals achieved and 136 per cent more than the European championship last year

brought in. Now that Manchester United are probable winners of the FA Carling Premiership, there will be only two English teams in the European Cup. Had United finished third in the league and won the cup. then England would have had three entries, but both are unlikely — just as unlikely as Bobby Robson ever settling again for his pit wage of £4.50 for a six-day working week.

FOOTBALL

Wembley key within reach F.A. for Juninho

MIDDLESBROUGH have to pick themselves up and go again after their bitter disappointments of last week. Tonight they return to Hillsborough, the scene of their defeat in the Coca-Cola Cup final, for their FA Cup semi-final replay against Chesterfield.

The first contest had enough excitement for half a dozen games. To expect a repeat is perhaps asking too much, but between them Middlesbrough's leg-weary maestros and Chesterfield's romantic outsiders from the Nationwide League second division seem certain to produce more drama.



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CHESTERFIELD (probable). W Mercer — J Hawitt. M Williams, S Oyche, M Jules — T Curis, P Holland. C Parluns — K Dayles, A Morns, J Howard Referee: D Elleray

A piece of footballing history, as well as a place at Wembley, is within reach for both teams. If Middlesbrough win, it will be their first FA Cup Final in their 120 years: if Chesterfield triumph, it will be even more momentous as they would become the first club

from their level to reach a Cup

But, for Middlesbrough, the outcome may have even more impor-Victory tonight should provide the impetus for a successful relegation struggle; another failure after the frustration of having both this tie and the Coca-Cola Cup snatched from them in the dying minutes of extra time makes it hard to see how they can recover physically and mentally for the battle

Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, remains professionally optimistic and he was quick to reject the suggestion of Ron Atkinson, his former manager, that his team will be relegated. "Yes, we have got a battle, but we only need a

couple of wins to make us safe," Robson said.

"This is a massive game for us. A win will give the players a great boost for the run-in to the season and give us our confidence back. A win will set us up and then, if we get something at Spurs on Thursday, we will have an eight-day rest."

But Middlesbrough go into the game without a win in six games and, although in extra time they had the first match virtually won, they could easily have been knocked out in normal time had not David Elleray, the referee, ignored his assistant, and controversially disallowed a Chesterfield goal.

"Chesterfield were not defensive, unlike Leicester," Robson added, "they went for the game. It was end to end and John Duncan |the Chesterfield manager | must be given credit for that. "But I've looked at the video and

many chances with ten men and their goalkeeper was the man of the match." Duncan said: "A lot of people

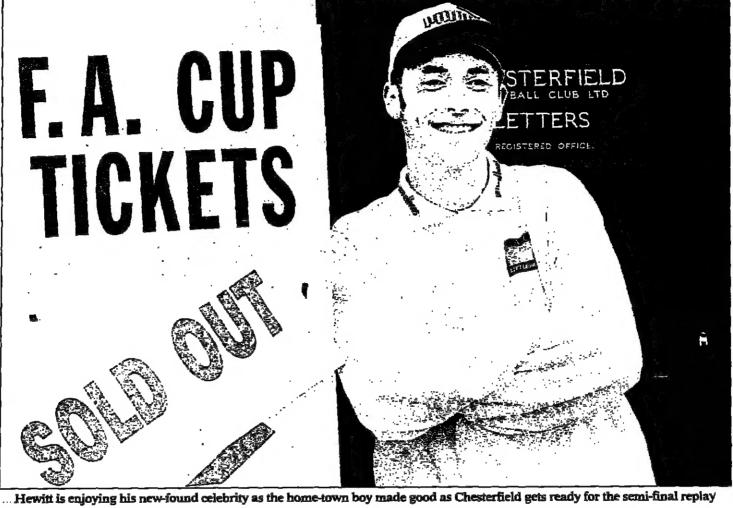
think our chance has gone. We've done a lot of things over the last few years that a lot of people didn't think possible - not just the Cup run." There is little doubt that Chester

field have the neutral vote. Unlike Middlesbrough, they will also be fresh but their fate may depend on whether they can keep Juninho away from the danger areas. The task is again likely to be given

to Mark Jules, who at Old Trafford found the task the toughest of his career. "I've never marked anyone as good as him before," he said. "He had everything - touch, good vision, pace and stamina. He's certainly the best player I've ever

The presence of Juninino and Ravanelli, if he is in the mood. should see Middlesbrough through. but Chesterfield's spirit is such that it is hard to het against them. The Derbyshire club awaits a test this morning on the thigh injury sustained by Billy Mercer, their goal-keeper, and that as much as anything might determine the putcome.

Middlesbrough are more worried about tired limbs than injuries. Mark Schwarzer is cup-tied. leaving Ben Roberts to hold the fort in goal, and Festa and Fleming are doubtful. but the big guns are all present.



Chesterfield salutes its local hero

Tor 28 years. Jamie Hewitt passed unrecognised through the streets of Chesterfield. From the formative days. when his mother pushed him around the market square in a pram, through his childhood and beyond 400 appearances for the football club. Hewitt remained anonymous. Then he happened to score a goal.

To say that life has changed in the nine days since his equaliser in the 119th minute of the FA Cup semi-final against Middlesbrough is an understatement. He has conducted more interviews and posed for more photographs than in the previous 12 years of his career put together. He has been on Football Focus and teamed up with Chris Evans on TFI Friday. In that same market square, people

line up to shake his hand. "Players at our level wonder what it must be like to be Giggs or Fowler, under scrutiny all of the time. I am beginning to get an idea." Hewitt said. "To a certain extent. I am enjoying the experience. If you go into football, you want to be in the limelight because it means you have been successful, but it is strange to think that a single goal can make so much

In other circumstances, Hewitt

Richard Hobson finds Jamie Hewitt relishing

the next stage of his unlikely FA Cup adventure

admits that he would be on the other side of the handshakes. He is the archetypal local boy made good. Les, his father, a part-time player with the club in 1948, took him to Saltergate for the first time as a six-year-old and, when Jamie left the main stand, it was only to join his schoolfriends on the

"I wanted to go to the away games as well, but hooliganism was around at the time and my mum and dad were not very keen," he said. "Until I was taken on as a trainee at 16, my happiest memory was watching us beat Glasgow Rangers 3-0 in the Anglo-Scottish Cup semi-final in 1981. Ernie Moss

"It is funny, but Chesterfield have always been pretty near useless in the FA Cup. We used to joke about it back then, every time a Cup game was due: getting to the second round would be an achievement."

Indeed, Chesterfield had not progressed beyond the fifth round until this season, a fact that helps to explain why each success since the victory over Bolton Wanderers at Burnden Park in the fourth round has been celebrated as joyously as if it were the last.

More than 8,000 people were prepared to sleep rough to buy a ticket for the replay at Hillsborough tonight. The sale was brought forward on police advice and all 18,500 were snapped up within six hours. John Duncan, the manager, said: "To have affected so many people has to be the high-light of the run. This area has had a tough time and people here have to work hard to make ends meet. They have not had anything to cheer for a long, long time. That is what should make the players proud.

Just a long throw from Saltergate stands the Derbyshire headquarters of the National Union of Mineworkers. From the outside, there is little sign of life, yet four years on from the final pit closure in the area, officials are still dealing with claims for compensation for illness and injury. The pit near Staveley, where Hewitt's grandfather, Robert, worked either side of the First World War, is now the site of a leisure park.

No side from what used to be the third division has reached the final. York City, in 1955, and Norwich City, four years later, took their semi-final opponents to a replay. Yet Middlesbrough are vulnerable. They have lost twice since the first tie at Old Trafford and are in a desperate plight near the bottom of the FA Carling Premiership, while Chesterfield sit comfortably in the middle of the Nationwide League second division.

Hewitt, pleased that his goal appeared better on television than he realised at the time, said: "We did a lot of chasing at Old Trafford. We were on our knees at the end, but Juninho hardly appeared to breathe during the game. I do not think fitness will be an issue. We will probably play the same way, get our men behind the play and disturb them with long balls.

The draw allowed the blue and white balloons to stay in the shop fronts a little longer. Even the crooked spire of St Mary and All Saints church is playing second fiddle. "It seems as though every article ever written, every bit of film ever made about Chesterfield mentions the spire," Hewitt said. "It has put us on the map and, to be honest, there has not been a lot else here." As Kenneth Wolstenholme might say, there is now.

Challenge of critics is shrugged aside by Sutton

By Russell Kempson

CHRIS SUTTON, the Blackburn Rovers striker, has refused to apologise for his unsportsmanlike behaviour that led to a late equaliser in the I-I draw against Arsenal at Highbury on Saturday. Tony Parkes, the Blackburn caretaker-manager, who initially labelled Sutton as "silly" and "dizzy", has now defended the

player's actions.
With Arsenal leading 1-0. Patrick Vieira, the Arsenal midfield player, kicked the ball out of play so that Stephen Hughes, his injured teammate, could receive attention. When the throw-in was eventually taken. Sutton pressured Nigel Winterburn into conceding a corner, from which Blackburn made it 1-1.

Critics pointed out that Sutton should have allowed Winterburn to complete his clearance unchallenged, but he disagreed. "Where do you draw the line with sportsmanship?" he said. "Some players go over the top in tackles and others dive about. I certainly

won't be apologising."
Parkes said: "Winterburn had the chance either to control the ball or roll it back to his goalkeeper. He let the ball run away and Chris saw there was an opportunity. It's quite wrong that all the blame should be laid at our door."

Danny Bergara's job tenure at Rotherham United ended yesterday when he was dimissed by the Nationwide League second division club, which has already been relegated. He joined only eight months ago but was unable to halt the team's decline.

Ruud Gullit, the Chelsen player-manager, has strengthened his squad with the signing of Celestine Babayaro from Anderlecht, of Belgium, for £2.25 million. He has signed a five-year contract and will move to Stamford Bridge at the end of the season. Babayaro. 18. a wing back, scored three goals for Nigeria in their gold medal-winning run at the Olympic Games in Atlanta last year. Ronny Rosenthal, the Israel

and Tottenham Hotspur striker, is to leave White Hart Lane at the end of the season. "I have enjoyed playing in England but it is probably time to move on." he said.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

WALNUT, California: Mt SAC relays meeting (selected results, US unless stated): 100m; 1, M Marsh 9 87sec; 2, T Montgomery 9,98, 3; M Greence 999, 400m; 1, C Grongs; (Nen) 45.07; 2, A Maybank 45,42,3, C Harrison 45.59 AUSTRALIAN RULES

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REDBRIDGE, Essex: Friends Provident grand slam bournament: Men: Final: P Knowles (Nem) to 0 Hall (Essex) 7-15, 17-15, 15-11. Women: Final: K Morgan (Wates) by J Mann (Warwickshre) 11-3, 11-8

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MOTORCYCLING

SAN MARINO: World Superbike Champ-ionship: Misano Circuit: First round (25 laps, 53 075 miles) 1, P.F. Chili III. Ducali) 48mm 44 232sec; 2, J. Koonski (US Honda) 48:58.425; 3, C. Fogany (GB, Ducoul 49:48 354 Second round (25 laps) 1, Koonski 47:44 390, 2, A. Sighi (NZ, Honda) 48:16:253; 3, Fogany 48:24 933 Leading championship positions: 1, Koonski 29:2 Leading championship possions: Kocinski 79, 2, Fogatty 65, 3, Sugtit 58

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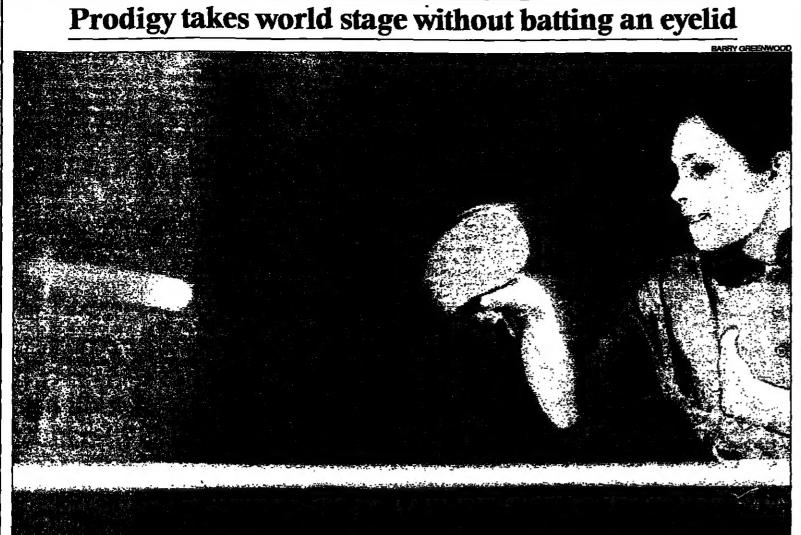
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The prolific skills that Katy inherited from her parents have made her the youngest player competing at the world championships in Manchester

Parker bounces to prominence

flicker of anxiety crossed the brow of the little girl with the hazel eyes and the freckles. "Murn, I might be the worst player there," she said. Then, content with her mother's reassurance, she returned to her doodling and her gentle contemplation of what all the fuss was about.

Katy Parker has no idea at all, which is how it should be. When the phone rang, confirming her selection for the world table tennis championships in Manchester, the

news was so earth-shattering that she could not quite remember her reaction. "I thought it meant I was in the ju-niors," she said, the Lancastrian accent surprising-

ly broad. And, when she knew it was the seniors and that, at 12 years and 144 days, she would be the youngest competitor from the 108 nations, almost certainly the youngest in her sport to be selected for the world championships, maybe to play in any world championships, what then? A skipped heartbeat, a joyous leap? "Nothing really." Boyzone breaking up or Steve McManaman getting mar-ried, now that would be a

different matter.

School, in Preston, there is a notice-board for the school's internationals. Two junior England rugby players are featured, but not Kary Parker. The school has asked for a photo, but Katy has hardly rushed to cash in on her

to. Only one of my friends really knows about my table them." A cool cookie, Miss Parker. Until there is an opponent three yards away net in between.

'Only one of my friends about it'

> petitive instinct, prevented Katy from exposing my fumbling efforts. Her mother reckoned I would get about

celebrity. "If I have to do it, I will," she said. "But I'd prefer not tennis. I never really tell and a table tennis

> Then, wideeyed innocence is transformed into bobbing 5½-stone bundle of energy. It is like switching on the light. One minute, a reluctant school-

girl in a hopelessly big tracksuit - the smallest on offer in the England camp the next, bounce, whack, bounce, whack and woe betide the hapless opponent, which, for a few inglorious moments, happened to be me. Only confusion, innate politeness wrestling with com-

three points in a real match,

none off her daughter's ser-

LONGMORE



vice. Adult players who had first come across the bouncing nine-year-old playing in the Preston Town League had been similarly humbled.

"Sometimes they made excuses — the light wasn't right or the floor was slippery," she said. Mostly they just mar-velled, consoled perhaps by the thought that genetic forces were working against them as

Katy's mother is better known as Jill Hammersley MBE, three times a Commonwealth champion, once a European champion, twice a European finalist. Her father, Don, was an England international and the manager of the England men's team during the Eighties, when they were among the best on offer in Europe. Katy has no to go and have a good natter

"I once took her into the main hall at the European championships in Birm-ingham," Parker said. "I told her that her mum had been the best player of the lot once. That made her stop and think for a moment." But the pair have been careful not to ram glory days down their child's throat, nor to heap parental expectations onto such tender shoulders. Hammerskey cannot watch her daughter anyway. She feels sick if she does.
"I've seen a lot of very

promising 12year-olds pushed too hard, she said. This is an 'Mostly, age when you do things for your parents. We want opponents just marvel her to do it at her' because she wants to do it."

At school, Katy has played most sports. Last week she tried high jump. That morning she had been up at 8.30 playing termis. Parker said: "Sadly, I think she will have to take the decision quite soon. If she wants to become a top player. she will have to start specialising and thinking about the game a little more. I took her to a tournament recently. She had to play seven matches in a day.

"After the first she wanted

the car and we talked about the last match and tried to prepare for the next. She couldn't understand what I

was doing."

She still shakes her pretty brown hair at the indignity of it. That same tournament she went to three games in five of those seven matches and won them all, so what was the problem? "She's very good under pressure," Parker added. "She sticks at it because she's so determined." A quality inherited from her mother, whose defensive style put a

premium on durability. Despite the sup-port, pitching a pre-teen into the maelstrom of the world championships — which start on Thursday — is still a calcu-

lated gamble Katy will partner Michael Chan, 13, in the mixed doubles. She thinks they will lose. But what happens thereafter is more important. "I'm not worried that she will be frightened by it. She can cope," Hammersley

"I've said to her: "You're there for experience and to watch the best players in the world." And one thing is for certain. She may be the youngest, but she will not be the worst.

charges' prospects of Olympic titles in Sydney 2000.

said. "With James doing swim

clinics, photo shoots, writing

articles, giving interviews and

making appearances - there's

a lot of pressure there - his

whole programme is being

than other programmes and it has worked. I don't want

anything to spoil that. I just

don't want to get to 2000 and say 'if only.'" With Hickman having giv-

en up a university course to

concentrate on swimming, co-

inciding with the arrival of

We've been better planned

compromised.

"This is a warning," Calleja

TELEVISION CHOICE

A conscientious selection

Seven Wonders of the World BBC2, 7.10pm

Introduced by Sue Lawley as a brilliant and controversial neuroscientist. Steven Pinker brings the current series to a close. There will surely be another for the format is every bit as durable as another for the format is every bit as durable as that of its distant cousin, Desert Island Discs. Pinker, a mop-haired young professor from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, maintains the standard of the programme for fluent communicators who combine sagacity with passion. While milking the theme of his best-selling book, the ability of children to pick up language, he also enthuses about the bicycle and the camera and mounts a convincing rebuttal of John Stuart Mill's theory that, with only eight notes available, the world will eventually run out of music. He concludes with arguably the biggest wonder of all, the mystery of consciousness.

its cycle of courtship, mating and bringing up its young. Not bothering to build its own nest, it takes one over from another bird. Some of the best footage is of the male scavenging for food. A favourite snack, which the owl swallows whole, is the gooher. The owlets are expected to leave their nests before they can fly, which means taking a hazardous plunge to ground 60 feet below.

start there is the tantalising prospect of doctors Andrew (Gary Mavers) and Erica (Saskia Wickham) finally making an item. It is a busy

episode for Erica, for she is also setting out to find her real parents and, as if she had not got enough on her hands, her cottage goes up in flames. Meanwhile the other resident medic (Adrian Lukis) has to cope with the release from hospital of her mentally-ill wife. Add to all this a pilot having a seizure in the sky and a rugby thug having a pot at Andrew and it really is a case of blink and you miss it. There is no official word about a new series but viewing figures of 11 million-plus would seem to make it a near certainty.

Witness: Appointment With Doctor Death Channel 4, 9.00pm

Joanna Head's film about Dr Jack Kevorkian is a model of how to deal head on with the trickiest subject while preserving scrupulous fairness and balance. Kevokian is the small, wizened 68-yearold from Michigan who believes that people should able to choose to die and has defied the law by assisting in nearly 50 suicides. Head gives us both sides of the argument. We eavesdrop on Kevorkian's consultations and hear from families grateful that he has helped their loved ones to put an end to years of pain and suffering. But Kevorkian is a controversial figure, hounded by the police and the target of demonstrators who dub him "Doctor Death". Ammunition for his critics is provided by a coroner who says that not all of the people Kevorkian helped to die were suffering from a disease. Peter Waymark

Spike Jones, The Man Who Murdered Music

instrument formed by strings attached to a lavatory seat would contribute. Serious musicians listening should plug in their sense of humour.

RADIO 1

7.00mm Kevin Greening 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley, includes at 1.15pm the Net 2.00 Nicky Campbell, includes the Altemoon Loveleast 4.00 Mark Gooder 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Session with Steve Lamacq 8.30 Digital Update 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00ass Caire Sturgess 4.00 Clive Warren with the Early Breaklast Show

RADIO 2

6.00em Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Sawart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Alan Freeman (3/13) 8.00 Nigel Ogden 9.00 Quincy Jones — The Duce and his Music 9.30 line Man who Murdered Music See Choice 19.30 Fichard Allinson

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5.00mm Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lonsine Kelly 2.00pm Tornny Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Mcz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 James Whale 1.00mm Ian Collins

out the sites of Mafia executions and buried corpses as if they were mildly interesting stone circles on Dartmoor. The underlying threat is thus made all the more real.

Peter Barnard

The joy of radio is that it has remained a medium

The joy of radio is that it has remained a medium which is at its best when it does uncomplicated things. This series is an example: one person with a tape recorder goes to one place and returns with a word picture. The secret is to send the right person and in this case Joe Farrell has proved to be the man for the job. Tonight he looks at Sicily's links with the Cosa Nostra, not in an attempt at dramatic revelation but merely to show how endemic the Mafia is in Sicily. The matter of factness is what impresses: ordinary Sicilians point out the sites of Mafia executions and buried

WORLD SERVICE All times in BST. News on the hour. 6.00em Newshour 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Anatomy of Addiction 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 My Generation 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 A Cry in the Dark 9.29 Everywoman 10.00 World Susiness Report 10.15 The Making of Harrist 10.30 BBC English 18.45 Sport 11.30 On Screen 12.30pm Anatomy of Addiction 1.05 Business Report 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Health Matters 1.45 Sport 2.00 Newshour 3.05 Cuttook 3.30 Multitrack 4.05 Sport 4.15 Performance 4.30 News in German 5.00 Fireca Today 5.30 Municipal Business Report 5.45 British 5.00 Fireca Today 5.30 Municipal Business Report 5.45 British 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.46 Britain Today 6.15 The World Today 6.30 News in German 6.46 Sport 7.30 One Planet 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Megamix 9.00 Newshour 10.05 Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Meridian Live 11.30 The World Today 11.45 Sport 12.05em Outlook 12.30 Megamix 1.30 The Farming World 1.45 Britain Today 2.30 Discovery 3.30 Meridian Live 4.05

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4.00em Mark Griffiths 7.00 Mike Read 10.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Election '97 1.00em Lunchtime Concerto: Kerl Ditters von Dittersdorf (Viola Concerto in F) 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Classic Newsnight 7.30 Sonata. Tartini (Sonata in G minor, Devil's Trit) 8.00 Evening Concert. Praetorius (Psalms of Devid); Leonard Bernstein (Chichester Psalms); 19.00 Micheel Mappin 2.00em Lunchtime Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO 6.30mm Russ 'n' Jono 10.00 Graham Deme 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 6.00 Paul Coyte (Fili) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Merk Forrest 2.00mm Randel Lee Rose

2.15 Volces, Iain Burnside introduces a programme recorded by the young Canadian baritone Russell Braun, With Roger Vignoles, piano, Fouré (L'Hortzon Chimerique, Op 18); Messenet (Poerne de Souveriir); Ravel (Don Cuichotte a Dulcinee) (/) 3.00 The BBC Orchestres. BBC Philharmonic under Stephen Kovacevich, piano. Mozart (Piano Concerto No 27 in B flat; Symphony No 39 in E Bert Irt

flat) (r) Spirit of the Age Christopher Page looks at the Icelandic Edda, a collection of stories about

giants, dwarves, prophecies and visions. With musical interpretation by Sequentia (r) 5.00 Music Machine, Tommy Pearson talks to freedance musicians who prefer the excitement of the uniqueness to a present talks.

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8.15 in Tune, with Main Nicotson. Greinger (Green Bushes): Nigel Westiake (Antarctica): Shossalovich (Suite No 1 for Jazz Band).

7.30 Vienna Old and New. Nicola Heywood Thomas introduces the lest of three concerts given lest year at the Point in Cardiff Bay. London Winds under Michael Coffins. Strauss (Serenade Op 7): Schoerberg (Wind Cuintet): Gottfried von Einern (Wing Cuintet): Mozart (Serenade in E flat).

9.10 Stellian Voices: The Family. Sec Choice 2.30 The BBC Orchestras. A concert given at the 1995 International Society of Contemporary Music Festivel in Essen Germany. BBC Symphony Orcestra under Peter Ectivos, with Maria Fablen, cirobalom. Debussy (Jeun): Eotwos (Psycholosmos); Herize (Symphony No 7).

10.45 Night Waves. Renaissance scholar Stephen Greenblatt talks to Richard Coles, the general aditor of The Norton Shalespeare, on the British publication of the works. They discuss how a fuller historical examination of sany-modern England can illuminate the best-Inover plays.

11.30 Composers of the Weels Fergotten Gleints of 18th-Century Opera (f).

12.30 mm Jazz Notes. Digby Fainweither presents a session by the new band Septplece featuring Andrew Cleyndert, bass, John Donaldson, plano, Chris Garrick, violin.

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes Haydn (String Quartet in F, Op50 No5); Bartok (String Quartet, No5); 5.00em Sequence.

North America (3/6)
10.00 Delify Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murrary, Miriam
Margolyee reads Henry James' The Portrait of a
Lady

4.45 Short Story: Umberto Verdi, Chimney Sweep. by Bernard MedLaverty. A bored housewife sees a crimmey sweep as the answer to all her problems. Read by Susia Kelly
5.00 PM, with Charlie Lee-Potter and Chris Lowe 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
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6.30 No Commitments. Drame with Rosemary Leach and Nicola Pagett. Victoria is convinced that Anna is having a secret affair (6/6) (f)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on Four Major issues, changing attitudes and important events at home and abroad
8.00 Sectence News. Alun Lewis presents a review of the week's developments and discoveries in the world of science (f)
8.30 The New Section Institute Blander to Control of the New Section of the News S

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TENNIS

Courier's tensions surfacing

JIM COURIER was pushed to the limit by a dogged opponent and a swirling wind before winning 6-7, 7-5, 6-4 against Dominik Hrbaty, 19. of Slovakia, in 212 hours in the first round of the Monte Carlo

"His yelling and screaming reminded me of when I first came onto the tour," Courier said. "It helped motivate me. He didn't allow you to play safe and I'm just glad I've got through this first match after coming here from hard courts.

Courier, the No 13 seed, double-faulted three times on match point to lose the eighth game of the third set, but then won the tenth game, for the match, to love. Apart from his opening service game, it was the only other time he won a game to love. His next oppo-nent will be Mark Phil-ippoussis, of Australia, or

Herman Gumy, of Australia. Sergi Bruguera, like Courier a former French Open champion, showed unaccustomed confidence at the net to beat Javier Sanchez, a fellow Spainiard, 6-4, 6-1. "I'm much fitter this year and have had some good hard-court results to give me confidence," he

He faces a possible thirdround encounter with Thomas Muster, the world No 2 from Austria, who has won this tournament for the past two years and has a 12-3 record against Bruguera. Muster had a first-round bye and will play either Francisco Roig, of Spain, or Fabrice Santoro, of France, in the second round.

SWIMMING

Calleja appeals for calm waters

FROM CRAIG LORD IN GOTHENBURG

short-lived for a world title and bronze medal for two of



we just want to be alone". Hickman from boys into 21year-olds who make a big noise in world swimming, Calleja says that it is now critical to issue a warning to the "circus of interested par-Results, page 53 | ties" who are damaging his

Hickman, world short-course champion over 200 metres butterfly, and Graeme Smith, who added a bronze medal over 1.500 metres freestyle to the more valuable Olympic bronze in Atlanta last year -Calleia uttered a Garboesque

Having nurtured Smith and

THE celebrations will be Dave Calleia's swimmers at the world short-course championships over the weekend the coach is issuing an ultimaturn: do it my way, or allow distractions to drive the most successful sports triangle in British swimming to divorce.

It is not that the Stockport coach is a killioy, but, as he left

the Scandinavium here scene of triumph for James

Hickman: writing articles

Deryk Snelling as Britain's first national performance director, Calleja's situation is complicated further by a nat-ional plan of competition and training camps.
In January, Calleja and Hickman flew with other members of the national team to Australia. The experience was valuable for coach and swimmer, but Calleja was caught between the devil and the deep blue sea; Smith had stayed at home to study. Smith said: "When Dave was in Australia, I was run

is the gold medal in Sydney." The experience perturbed Calleja, who now wants a period of stability at the Olympic pool, at Stockport, where attendants are sent off poolside when Hickman and Smith train because, Calleja says, "no one expects a company director to be working in his office while the hoovering's

down and depressed. I was on

the point of calling it a day. What keeps you there, though,

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Mayers and Wickham (ITV, 9.00pm)

The Great Owl of the Mountains Channel 4, 8.00pm

The Great Gray Owl of North America is a splendid subject for a wildlife film and the cameraman, leff Foott, does not miss a trick. At two feet in height the Great Gray is the largest American owl, and its remarkable hearing and eyesight help to make it a fearsome predator. Foott's film, shot over several months in the woodlands of the Rockies, follows the bird through its great of covership mating and bringing up its

Peak Practice The medical drama may have lost a bit of its bite recently (perhaps we have missed whingeing Will more than we thought) but it is determined to bow out of the current series in a blaze of incident. For a

Sicilian Voices

Radio 3, 9.10pm

Radio 2, 9.30pm As Clive James proved with his discovery of the gloriously inept torch singer Margarita Pracatan, there is mileage in the dreadful if it is dreadful enough. But Spike Jones was different, because there was a deverness to his slaughter of good songs that had one hoping it would soon be over, but on the other hand not yet. The Jones technique, explored here in the droll tones of Humphrey Lynelton, was to start a rendition of, say, The Blue Danube, with a few faithful bars and then behave as if all the instruments had caught fire: tempos would double, horns blare and a curious

2.05mm Steve Medden 3.00 Alex Leste RADIO 5 LIVE

TALK RADIO

6.00em On Air, with Andrew McGregor, Includes
Ockegherr (Missa De plus en plus); Schubert
(String Cuartet in D); Ravel (Sonatine); Giovanni
Gabrielli (Magnificat a 33); Delius (Brigg Fair)
Bernstein (Chichester Psalms)

9.00 Moming Collection, with Penny Gore, Includes
Dvorak (The Noonday Witch); Schubert (String
Cuartet Movement in C minor); Mozart (Plano
Concerto in E flat, No29 K271)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris Wines, Includes
Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in C); Jean Hure (Cello
Sonata in F); Gesualdo (Occhi del mio cor vita);
Petrassi (Inverzione Concerteta); Beethoven
(Plano Sonata in F); Rore (Mentre, Lurri Maggior);
Dvořák (Plano quintet in A, Op 81, No2)

12.00 Consposer of the Weetc Rachmansinov.
Stephen Hough introduces a rare recording of
Rachmaninov's serly works and Peter Donohoe
looks at Rachmaninov's own approach to

performing

1.ftopm if Glardino Armonico. The Italian period instrument ensemble performs Biber (Sonata a 8 in 8 flat); Telemann (Trio Sonata in A minor for recorder, violin and continuo); Viveidi (Trio Sonata in D minor)

2.15 Volces, Iain Burnside introduces a programme

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 8.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, includes Thought for the Day 9.00 News 9.05 Election Cast, Peter Sissons puts Instead of the Scottish National Party 10.00 News; Walston Goes Walkabout (PM). Oliver Walston visits St Pierre, the last French outpost in North America (3/6)

11.30 All in the Mind. Professor Anthony Clare tries to discover what effect safer cars have on our driving 12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Ricidoch 12.25pm Word of Mouth: The Naming of Parts. Russell Davies explores words and the way we speak. How to name something new, something sacret, something sweet-smelling and something old (4/5) 12.55 Weether 1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke 1.40 The Archers (y) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Books and Company. Horticultural themes in the Book of Genesis and modern poetry (7/6) (f)

themes in the Book of Genesis and modern poetry (7/8) (r)

2.30 Comparing Notes with Brien Kay. In the first of a new series, Brien Kay talks to the Welsh base-baritone Bryn Terfel, whose rise to international lame has encompassed the works of opera, the concert hall and recorded lieder and songs

3.00 The Atternoon Shift, with Deare Brehan

4.00 News 4.05 Kateldoscope. Paul Vaughan reads the new novel from the reclusive American author Thomas Pynchon and joins Harry Ritchia for a lour round the last remnants of the British Empire

Schence Now. Alun Lewis presents a review of the week's developments and discoveries in the world of science (r)

8.30 The New Secural Nature: Playing the Gasse. Dr Gillian Rice asks the experts whether monogerny is a natural form of behaviour (4/4) (r)

9.00 In Touch, Peter White with news, views and information for the visual impaired

9.30 Kateldoscope (r) 8.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton

10.45 Book at Bedtimer One of Ours, by Wills Cather. Read by lan Porter (2/12) (r)

11.00 Mediummave. The week's events in the media with Vincent Hanna (r)

11.30 A Night with ... George Melly. Melly receive performing and pertying and his passion for listing at night. With music from Cab Calloway and Mussongsky and words from Charles Dickens and Philip Larkin (r)

12.00 News and 12.27am approx Weather

12.30am The Late Book: High Fidelity, by Nick Homby. Read by Alan Davies (2/10)

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

The budget is big, but it's not unlimited

the trouble with big, cinematic production values in television drama is that the viewer gets complacent, and forgets there's any sort of budgetary limit at all :

"What aren't we having a music-hall scene? I pouted last night. The 1890s hospital drama Bramwell (ITV) had returned, you see with fabulous music, great editing and lighting, picturesque East End realism, and loads of fustian extras. One's joy was understandably complete. So when David Calder [Robert Bramwell) announced an outing to the Music Hall, one greedily expected to see 400 Sunday-best pearly kings and queens in the audience, all singing along to a woman in a big hat in a mockedup Hackney Empire. But strangely, no. Not a whiff of greasepaint. Even more disappointing was the last scene - Jemma Redgrave (Eleanor) waving to her boyfriend

this? No train? Well, I ask you. What do you want, blood?

the circumstances, and they would be right. Bramwell is the jewel in the crown; a good meaty costume drama (Lucy Gannon behind it, as usual) with scope for matters of life and death, love and loyalty, as well as regular speeches of more than five words. Kicking off the third series, last night's episode con-cerned casualties from the local brewery: a man and a boy had fallen into the mesher, and were horribly burnt. Upright Eleanor abominated the brewery and refused an offered hand-out ("I find it hard to see how medicine and alcohol can ever be compatible"). Her pragmatic Dad, on the other hand, paid court to the brewery's pretty owner - a rich widow with a twinkle.

on a bustling, steamy, whistly presence, and as a character, station platform. And what was Eleanor is a real heroine — strong yet vulnerable, controlled yet fiery, clever, principled, brave. Last Carlton could legitimately yell in night she saved a couple of lives, made the questionable decision to sleep with her boyfriend, stayed up all night sweeping in a heatwave, defied Mrs Costigan proudly in full paragraphs, battled through rain and umbrellas to the station. and superhumanly forgave the hoyfriend before his departure for France. What a girl. She lives in the world of Jack the Ripper, but she's not scared of anybody.

hen it boils down to it, the appeal of most popu-lar telly is the depiction of fearlessness. We can watch other people be bold on our behalf - whether it's Anne Robinson on Watchdog or Eleanor in Bramwell. Between trips to the back door (Is it locked? Have I already Jemma Redgrave has terrific checked it?), we can feel our sinews

REVIEW

Truss



stiffened by someone else's resolve. Mrs Bernice Cohen is an unlikeheroine, but heroine she is. Channel 4's Mrs Cohen's Money sees this formidably smart little woman marching right up to the financial institutions and jabbing them in the soft underbelly with the point of an umbrella. Last night, she challenged the world of insurance, and explained how insurance companies first scare

and then don't honour them afterwards, it was a one-sided view, but a refreshing one. With the decline of the welfare state, she argued, people will increasingly rely on insurance companies to look after them in times of difficulty. As the biggest financial sector after banks, are they "morally ready" to do that?

The answer, of course, is no. They are just very good at finding chinks in our confidence, and reminding us of mortality. A spokesman for the Association of British Insurers defended the scare tactics of advertising - and he's right, it's true that people generally refuse to anticipate problems. But it's the oldest con trick in the world to sell according to the client's need ("Bad feet?""Going bald?"). regardless of whether the quack product is the appropriate remedy. The doubly clever thing about insurance is

you into taking "critical illness" that if you argue against it, you get and "permanent health" policies caught up in a mad circular world which takes even more of your money. "Worried your insurance won't pay out? Don't lose sleep! Insure against it!"

> Talking of people who don't anticipate problems, The Entertainers (Channel 4) has had to be pretty tactful in its first two episodes. This cheap documentary series, set in the North East, inhabits the grim, tacky world of the social clubs, and in particular the singers employed by Beverley Artistes. Which problem might have been anticipated? Well, that 14-year-old Darren, of the disco-beat group Groove Club, is too young to sing all the gigs. Wasn't that obvious? Apparently not. Darren's harmony parts are now taken by an older boy called Neil. It's tough out there in showbiz. What is fascinating about The

> Entertainers is to see how small-

time success eats up people's lives just as much as big-time. Big-time is relative in any case. Barry Solomon, we are informed, is a successful singer "on television, in summer seasons and in cabaret all over the world". So, he's damned successful, obviously. But when Barry says he's never at home, and that he's always too busy to attend funerals or weddings, it cruelly illustrates the way a career gets out of hand. If you're Tom Jones, such sacrifices are awful enough; but if you're not Tom Jones, they're tra-

Meanwhile, the ambitious teenager Tara Lee took her first. untrained steps into the limelight at Cherton Social Club in Newcastle. "Did it sound crap?" she coyly asked the agency man afterwards, doubtless hoping for a spluttering "Of course not!" But he thought about it. "Nowhere near," he said, unconvincingly. "Nowhere near."

BBC1 6.00am Business Breakfast (28377) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (70448648) 9.05 Election Call Alex Salmond, leader of the Scottish National Party, answers viewers' questions (9147919)

10.00 Style Challenge (52993) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (68735) 11.00 News (T) and weather (4327483) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (1) (9950174) 11.35 Snooker: World Championship Dougle Donnelly presents the crucial action as Alan McManus concludes his first-round match with fellow Scot Billy

Snaddon; Nigel Bond begins his campaign against 22-year-old Stephen Lee from Trowbridge (3039358) 12,35pm Good Living (9477551) 1.00 News (T) and weather (19532) 1.30 Regional News (50014735) 1.45 Neighbours (T) (14739241)

2.10 Snooker: World Championship John ... Parrott concludes his match with Bradley Jones, the lowest ranked player to qualify for the Crucible this year. Plus: Alain Robidoux takes on Brian Morgan (4272483)

3.30 Mouse and Mole (9314342) 3.35

6.00 News (1) and weather (209) 6,30 Regional News (T) (685464) 6.55 Election Broadcast Liberal Democrate (653025)

7.00 Martin Clumes' Holiday Uncensored version of the comic actor's two-part four ... of America's best-loved logations ... Sen. Francisco and the Hawaiian island of . Maui (6754)

7.30 EastEnders Pauline and Nigel become a friend (T) (445)

8.00 Children's Hospital The staff treat a young boy who trapped the top of his tinger wit a door and a toddler who come now got part of a toy telephone stuck up her nose (T) (2174)

8.30 Goodnight Sweetheart Gary tries to keep his head as Yvonne takes the plunge and changes her career and Phoebe makes plans for their forthcoming marriage (T) (1209)

9.00 News (Frand-weather (643551) 9.50 Election Broadcast: Conservative (I) (595803)

10.00 Sportsnight Desmond Lynam introduces highlights of the FA Cup semi-final rapies between Chesterfield and Middlesbrough at Hillsborough (993754)

10.50 The Dirty Dozen (1967) starting Les Marvin, Second World War drama about a group of death arms. a group of death row prisoners who are signed up for a suicide mission. Directed by Robert Aldrich (90318613)

1.10am The Chesp Detective (1978, b/w) starring Peter Falk. A spoof thriller written by Neil Simon animd directed by Robert 2.40 Weather (6854205)

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BBC2 6.00am Open University: Cine Cinephiles (2024261) 6.25 Classical Sculpture and the Enlightenment (2043396) 6.50 Handel's Messiah (9776993)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (8828174) 7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (4919629) 7.55 Blue Peter (r) (T) (5404803) 8.20 Juniper Jungle (r) 822) 8.35 The Reccoons (r) (9822261)

9.00 Daytime on Two: Study Ireland (60193) 9.30 Believe it or Not (2917025) 9.45 Watch (2905280) 10.00 Telejubbles (52975) 10.30 Come Cutside (2121087) 10.45 Science Zone (5086483) 11.05 Space Ark (4315648) 11.15 Go for Itl (7718483) 11.30 The Animated are: The Tempest (2396) 12.00 See Hearl (r) (57629)

12.30pm Working Lunch (14241) 1.00 Teaching Today (17174) 1.30 Testament The Bible in Animation (64782) 2.00 Juniper Jungle (r) (42768071)

2.10 The Village (64715777) 2.35 My Village (7524377) 2.40 The Beauty Spot (5306716) 3.00 News (7398648) 3.05 Campaign Roadshow (T) (9528483) 3.55 News; regional news and weather

4.00 Snooker: World Championship John Parrott v Bradley Jones and Alain Robidoux v Brian Morgan (3803) 6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (1/2) Will is shot by robbers on his way to a cash

machine (r) (797648) 6.25 Heartbreek High (T) (357551)



Professor Steven Pinker (7.10pm)

7.10 Seven Wonders of the World in the last of the series the neumocientist Professor Steven Pinker makes his personal selection (T) 7.40 Snooker: World Championship John Higgins v Graham Home. Plus: the

conclusion of Nigel Bond v Stephen Lee 8.30 Food and Drink Nick Naim and Janie

Lloyd-Owen help a 100-year-old prepare her birthday celebration (T) (2551) 9.00 Murder One Sharon Rooney is called to the dock and a key witness in the Van

Altan case vanishes (T) (2532) 10.30 Election Broadcast: Cons Party (1) (791648) 10.35 Newsnight (1) (596990)

11,30 Election Broadcast (814483) 11.35 Snooker: World Championship Latenight round-up (712261) 12.25em Weather (3934507)

12.30 Open University: The Learning Zone Producing electricity (73385) 1.30 Hidden Power (77014) 2.00 A study of Brazil (11526) 4.00 Using IT in GNVQ (20781) 4.30 The production of Goldeneye (42830) 5.00 Inside Europe (28782) 5.30 Film Production (95859)

HTV 6,00am GMTV (6325396) 9.25 Chain Letters (3264919)

9.55 Regional News (T) (2386006) 10.00 The Time, the Place (98551) 10.30 This Morning (61746667) 12.20pm Regional News (4008754)

12.30 News (T) and weather (9470648) 12.54 HTV Crimestoppers (79089445) 12.55 Shortand Street (9488667) 1.25 Home and Away (64777342) 1.50 Attemcon Live (66630272) 2.20 Vanessa (50210367) 2.50 Alternoon Live

3.20 News (1) (7305938) 3.25 Regional News

3.30 Potamus Perk (r) (6841919) 3.40 Wizadora (r) (9492174) 3.50 Bimble's Bucket (T) (9498358) 4.00 Scooby Doo (r) (5973532) 4.15 Hey Amold! (T) (8868990) 4.40 Are You Alraid of the Dark? (8919990) 5.10 The House Following the transformation

of a derelict Victorian house into a home for the 21st century (1237919) 5.40 News (T) and weather (940377) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (784174) 6.25 HTV Weather (693483)

6.30 The West Tonight (670532) 6.55 Election Broadcast: Conservative (1) (648193)7.00 Emmerdale The Windsors embark on a desperate search for Kelly (T) (1822) 7.30 Family Circles: Kageha's Story the camera lollow Kageha Marshall as she is

reunited with her family in Africa after 30 years apart (613) 8.00 The Bill A married man discovers that meeting a girl from a lonely hearts advert has unexpected results (1) (4342)



Gordon-Sinclair, McDowell (8.30pm)

8.30 Loved by You Kate and Micha reminisce about how they met. With John Gordon-Sinclair and Trevyn McDowell Last in series (T) (6377)

9.00 PRICE Peak Practice David treats a stubborn pilot Will a fire at Eric's cottage ignite the flames of passion between her and Andrew? Last in series (T) (2071)

10.00 News (T) and weather (72984) 10.30 Regional News (T) (339342) 10.40 The Super (1991) with Joe Pesci and Vincent Gardenia. The landlord of a slum development is forced to experience life from his tenants' point of view. Directed by Rod Deniel (\$9039716)

12.20am Dating the Enemy (4016205) 1.25 Stand and Deliver (8752728) 2.25 The Chart Show (r) (5751897) 3.25 Coach (r) (46000236)

3.50 Football Extra (r) (5362830) 4.30 The Time, the Place (r) (46656) 5.00 Heirloom (r) (22588) 5.30 News (82385) SATERUME AND CABLE

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As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9488667) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1237919) 6.25 Central News (795700)

6.50-6.55 Liteline (649822) 7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (613) 10.40 Film: The Super (79815071) 12.25em Collins and Maconie's Movie Club

(3041897) 12.50 Film: Night on the Town (824149) 2.40 in Focus (6432439) 3.25 Football Extra (2054656)

5.20 Asian Eye (2010859) WESTCOUNTRY

4.10 Central Jobfinder '97 (1506946)

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5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1237919) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (784174) 6,25-6,55 Michael Burry's Undis

7.30-8.00 The Parish (613) 10.40 Film: The Super (59039715) 1.25am Stand and Deliver (8752728) 2.25 The Chart Show (5751897) 3.25 Coach (46000236) 3.50 Football Extra (5362830)

5.00 Freescreen (22588) ANGLIA As HTV West except:

12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (4906342) 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9488667) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1237919) 6.23 Anglia Weather (598984) 6.25-6.55 Anglia News (792193) 7.30-8.00 Homemaker (613)

10.30 Anglia News and Weather (427551) 10.45 Generation X (864803) 11.35 Midweek Kick-Off! (981464)

Starts: 6,00am Sesame Street (11087) 7.00 The Big Breekfast (32483) 9.00 Bewliched (55261) 9.30 Film: The Teckman Mystery (\$5261) 9.30 Film: The Teckman Mystery (45784025) 11.10 Australia Wild (4309445) 11.35 Extreme (3976025) 12.30pm Ricki Lake (66957) 1.00 Stot Meithrin (43445046) 1.15 Pingu (10744731) 1.30 Film: Lady Godivn Rides Again (76580822) 3.15 Ali About Bears (8730716) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (25) 4.00 Efficient Cons (42) 4.30 Taste of (735) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (342) 4.30 Taste of the Times (754) 5.00 5 Pump (6700) 5.30 Countdown (826) 6.00 Newyddon (308803) (832445) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (898261) 7.25 Noson Ryan (6047280) 8.30 Darlfediad Etholiadol: Celdwadyr (436990) 8.35 Newyddion (647919) 9.05 Noson Ryan (540990) 10.05 Etholiad 97 (398087) 10.15 Brookside (334067) 10.50 Dark Skies (508735) 11.50 Party Election Broadcast (896087) 11.55 The Long Johns Election Special (644551) 12.10am Election Midnight Special (9168217) 1.40-2.40 Hill Street Blues

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (11087) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (32483)

9.00 Bewitched (1) (T) (55261) 9.30 The Teckman Mystery (1954, b/w)
starring John Justin and Margaret
Leighton A thriller about a man writing
the biography of a dead pilot. Directed by

Toye (45784025) 11.10 Australia Wild Animal life in Oz (4309445) 11.35 Extreme (II (T) (3976025) 12.30pm Light Lunch (98193) 1.30 Islanders A 1939 GPO documentary (22358984)

1.50 Watch Your Stern (1960, b/w) A nautical FILM comedy with Kenneth Connor, Noel Purcell and Leslie Philips . Directed by Gerald Thomas (T) (42597648) 3.30 Collectors' Lot. Gerry Anderson on Lady Peneloge and Parker from Thunderbirds

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8.25 Ant and Dec Unzipped with guests Eddie Izard, Jo Brand, Simon Gregson and Jayne Middlemass (790735) 6.55 Fresh Pop (646735)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (153731) 7.55 Thatcher's Children (1) (409071) 8.00 The Great Owl of the Mountains The life cycle of

the American Great Gray Owl (T) (2984) 8.30 Brookside Susannah is overcome with grief, while, Mick may have the answer to his financial problems (1) (4919)



9.00 Witness: Appointment with Doctor Death A look at the work of the American Dr Jack Kevorkian Last in series (T) (2223) 10.00 Election Broadcast: Cons

(557803) 10.05 Blood Oath (1990) with Bryan Brown, A fact-based drama about an Australian fact-based drama about of paperses war army lawyer trying to bring Japanese war criminals to justice Directed by Staphen

Wallace (T) (13482613) 12.10am Midnight Special Political discussion series (9168217) 1.40 Buildog Jack (1934, 6/W) with Jack Film Hulbert, Ralph Richardson and Fay Whay. A vintage comedy thriller from the Buildog

Drummond senes, Directed by Walte Forde (7947168) 3.00 The Oracle (1952, b/w), A cornedy with Michael Medwin as a reporter who discovers an oracle that predicts the future at the bottom of a well. Directed by Pennington Richards (63656)

4.30 Riders of the Dawn Spanish drama serial (r) (3368052) 5.30-6.00 Backdate (r) (T) (5890781)

CHANNEL 5

6.00am 5 News Early (7557716) 7.30 Havaks200 (2677174) 8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol

8,30 WideWorld: Heaven's Delight , A study of the link between an and religion in 14th-century Italy. Focusing on the Palazzo Publico, seat of the government of Siena during the 1500's (2294174)

9,00 Espresso (5294025) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (6502174) 10.30 Hot Property (r) (T) (2214938) 11,00 Leeze Chat show (9434822) 11.50 Double Espresso (45008667)

12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (9189006) 1.00 5 News Update (92039342) 1,05 Sunset Beach (6204716)

2.00 5's Company (7358311) 3.30 Baby of the Bride (1991) with Rue McClanehan and Ted Shackeflord A comedy about a woman and her young husband discovering she is pregnant at the same time as their daughter. Directed by Bill Bixby (4182445)

5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (14975071) 5.25 Election Broadcast: Liberal Party 5.30 100 Per Cent Game show (1151209)



Cordella Bugeja (6.30pm)

6.30 Family Affairs Melanie is bored with living at home and suggests sharing a flat with Duncan. With Cordelia Bugeja (T) (1132174)

7.00 Exclusive Showbiz news (1059358) 7.30 Waterland A study of the raingoose which inhabits the locks of the Scottish Highlands and Islands (7266984) 7.55 Party Election Broadcast by the

Conservative Party (T) (5617919) 8.00 Fame and Fortune Following designer John Roche as he prepares to show his 1997 collection (1068006) 8.30 5 News (1974613)

9.00 Lone Wolf McQuade (1983) with Chuck Norris, David Carradine and Barbara Carrera. Action adventure about a maverick Texas Ranger with karate skills. Directed by Steve Carver (32779025) 10.50 Exclusive Extra (5886342)

11.00 The Jack Docherty Show The guest is the former EastEnder turned singer Michelle Gayle (9341777) 11.40 The Comedy Store Jo Brand, Julian Clary and Mark Thomas recall their early days as stand-up comedians (2349280)

12.10am Live and Dangerous Including IndyCar and a motorsport round-up 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (6291781) 5.30-6.00 100 Per Cent (r) (5179762)

listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Directory. published on Saturday

8.00em Moming Glory (859193) 9.00 Regis and Kalhie. Lee . (81359) 10.00 Another White: (73754) 11.00 Delga of Our Lives (83696) 12.00 The Open Mariney Show (43338) 1.00pen Geraldo (29358) 2.00 Sally (83506):12:30 The Opan Mintrey Store (43238) 1.00pan Geraldo (23358) 2.00 Saley Jassy Raphael (28358) 3.00 Janny Jones (45823) 4.00 Opani with the Stan (31629) 5.00 Star Trek. The Next Generation (329) 6.00 Real IV (6071) 6.30 Membel — with Children (3551) 7.00 The Simpsons (4938) 7.30 MrA-S-H (9735) 8.00 Speedi (8218) 8.30 Real IV UK (2193) 8.00 Picket Fences (8445) 10.00 Unsolved Mysteries (6752) 11.00 Salina Sooti (32368) 11.30 Star Trek. The Next Generation (55193) 12.30 ser LAP D. (50043) 1.00 Ha Mix (8038410)

7.00pm Superboy (4389377) 7.30 Superboy (3022174) 8.00 Xens, Werner Process (1404990) 9.00 Pacific Blue (1424754) 10.00 Methu Shores (1321619) with David Lette 11.00 Late Show with David Lettermen (6919735) 12.00 Hit Ma Log Play (8904586)

SKY NEWS Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins of hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week SKY MOVIES 6,00tm The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come (1961) (25984) 8.00 Flight of the Doves (1971) (40939) 10,00 The Little Regards (1904) (25740) 12 00 Cold

THE MOVIE CHANNEL 6.00am The Mudlark (1960) (39754) 8.00

Lily in Whoter (1964) (21803) 2.60pm Bohmy Bay (1982) (89754) 4.00 Harry Black and the Tiger (1988) (9483) 5.00 A Mother's Prayer (1995) (98277) 7.39 Special Feshure: Tom Hanks (245) 8.00 The Client (1994) (71735) 10.00 Village of the Dammod (1995) (243067) 11.40 Wishman (1985) (679667) 1.10am Ledy Killer (1985) (4518120) 2.40 Etreks (1981) (53447994) 4.50 Teles of Washington bving (1982) (3318166) SKY MOVIES GOLD

8,00pm The Lady Eve (1941) (821838) 8,00 The Secret of My Success (1987) (8213833) 10,00 The Krays (1989) (6455209) 12,05mc Las Yeux Sams Visage (1969) (38043675) 1,35 The L Shaped Roots (1963) (8518859) 3,40-5 10 Decks Them. (1967) (62526238) 9.00pm Scaramouche (1952) (69473174)

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England reject struggling James



Hoddle: unimpressed with Anfield display

ENGLISH football's latest high-profile version of Crime and Punishment unfolded at Lancaster Gate yesterday when Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, cranked up another turn on the rack on which the tortured Liverpool goalkeeper, David James, is stretched out by omitting him from the squad for the World Cup qualifying match against

Georgia on April 30. James, who played so brilliantly in the opening eight months of the season and was instrumental in Liverpool's FA Carling Premiership chall-enge to the hegemony of Man-chester United, has endured a wretched few weeks of errorstrewn matches that have contributed to his team's gradual slide out of contention. On Saturday morning, at

game - and probably the title - by misjudging a hopeful cross that Andy Cole nodded in for the crucial third goal in a 3-1 win. Yet still there were those, his manager, Roy Evans, included, who thought Hoddle should keep faith with the man he made his firstchoice goalkeeper for last month's friendly against Mexico, if only to try to salvage some of his leaking confi-

Instead, Hoddle, who has proved himself a compassionate manager in the past with his care for the errant Paul Gascoigne and his faith this time in Graeme Le Saux, even though the Blackburn Rovers defender appears to have fallen out with his club, showed the ruthless side of his character by leaving out James. Part of the reason is that

David Seaman has returned

from the injury that kept him out of both the World Cup qualifying match against Italy in February and the game against Mexico a month later. However, James has slipped from first-choice goalkeeper less than a month ago to at least fifth now, behind Seaman, Tim Flowers, Ian Walk-

er and Nigel Martyn. It is a

dizzying descent.

Hoddle said that he had been to see James play on Saturday because he had been concerned about his form. He had hoped to see evidence that James was recovering from his indifferent spell, but he witnessed a goalkeeper uncertain in himself and exposed by a defence that compounded his simple errors.

It has been a difficult decision for me to make," Hoddle said at a hotel near the Football Association headquarters yesterday afternoon. SQUAD

"One of the reasons I went up there on Saturday was to have a look at his situation. He did not have a particularly good game and he made some mistakes. It was a difficult one, but I have left him out.

The fact is that the form of the other goalkeepers in the squad is ahead of David James's and it would have been difficult to justify keeping mass withdrawals because of injury that blighted the Mexico game, but the England coach has been able to recall three lynchpins to his squad. Seaman, Tony Adams and

Alan Shearer, who will reassume the captaincy, have all recovered from injury and five others who were forced to pull out of the Mexico game -Walker, Gary Pallister, David Beckham, Sol Campbell and Gary Neville - are also back in the squad. There was a special logic in picking Le Saux 100, even though he was left out by Blackburn at Arsenal on Saturday. "At least I knew he wouldn't get injured." Hoddle said.

Hoddle has retained Robert Lee, the one outstanding success of last month's friendly. but hinted that he was unlikely to risk him in the unaccustomed position of wing back in

which he played against Meri-co, rather than his more orthodox right-midfield slot. He said that he was likely to change his formation for the match against Georgia, one that England have to win to retain a realistic chance of challenging Italy for the lead-

ership of group two.
Gascoigne. Matthew Le Tissier and Darren Anderton are notable absentees, but Hoddle countered the injured trio's loss with praise for the Manchester United players who coped so efficiently with Liverpool on Saturday and are maturing with every Euro-pean Cup game they play. Beckham. Nicky Butt and Gary and Phil Neville were all mentioned in dispatches, as was Paul Scholes, even though he is not in the squad. "They have got so much talent," Hoddle said. "and thankfully it is all English."

Record break seals rehabilitation

O'Sullivan fires maximum with minimum of fuss

man in disgrace at The Crucible Theatre 12 months ago, savoured a standing ovation there yesterday after constructing the swiftest 147 maximum break in the history of snooker during a 10-6 firstround victory over Mick Price at the Embassy world the twentieth in all professionchampionship.

pot 15 reds. 15 blacks and the six colours, O Sullivan erased the previous record, of 7min 09sec, established by James Wattana, of Thailand, against Tony Drago at the 1992 British

Deftly manoeuvering the cue ball around the table with an assurance generated by unshakeable self-confidence,

RONNIE O'SULLIVAN, a O'Sullivan's total clearance was positionally perfect. It was the fourth maximum compiled in the 70-year history of the sport's premier event — Cliff Thorburn scored the first in 1983, Jimmy White followed suit in 1992 and Stephen Hendry joined the club two years ago - and only

> Assuming that no one else posts a 147 over the next 14 days, O'Sullivan will collect a £147,000 sponsor's bonus and the El8,000 award for the highest break. That amounts to £515.62 for every second he spent at the table.

> "My head was shaking and i couldn't keep still on the colours, but I knew if I

hesitated it would interrupt my rhythm and I might make a mistake," O'Sullivan said. "It was a tremendous buzz out there; a feeling that's impossible to put into words."

Normally when compiling a 147 there are a handful of pivotal shots that bind the break together. On this occasion, O'Sullivan's ball control was so precise that he never faced a difficult pot.

After sinking the opening red from distance, O'Sullivan quickly transformed what had originally appeared little more than a half-chance. If a single shot could be pinpointed as the highlight, it was the fifteenth black. O'Sullivan. with pressure mounting, stunned it unhesitatingly into a top pocket and, with the help of two cushions, placed

the white neatly in line for the While it was the first time that O'Sullivan had registered a 147 in a professional tournament, he is already in the record books as the youngest player to score one. That came in the early stages of the 1991 English amateur championship, only three months after he had celebrated his fifteenth

O'Sullivan's latest effort came a year after he had been fortunate to avoid being expelled from the event for a physical assault on an official, which resulted in the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, the game's governing body, fining him £20,000.

ON SATURDAY, Darren Wil-

liams, 19, was acclaimed a

hero. He scored the goal for

Sunderland in their vital 1-0

away win against Middles-

brough, which greatly en-hanced their chances of

avoiding relegation. Tonight,

he is likely to be dropped to the substitutes' bench when Sun-

derland take on Southampton

at Roker Park. Such is the



jump to is that, suddenly.

because David James played

in the friendly, they assume he

will be the No 2 goalkeeper to David Seaman, but that is not

what the friendly was about. It

was an opportunity to experi-

ment and, since that game, his

obviously, he is disappointed, but this is not a door that has

been shut. He has the

opportunity to get back in in

the future. Now he has to get

his club form back to where it

was. That will be his first port

of call. David Seaman, if he

maintains his form and his

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got to work out who is going to

James, at least, is a different

kind of casualty to the ones

Hoddle has grown accus-

tomed to in his short time in

charge of England. There is

be there as No 2"

"I have spoken to him and,

form has dipped.

Right on cue: O'Sullivan accepts the noisy acclaim of the audience at the Crucible after his record-breaking high-speed 147 yesterday

O'Sullivan reached his psychological nadir last summer when he spent a week living in an hotel after his mother threw him out of the family home in Chigwell. "I was a fat slob and I knew then I had to sort myself out. I went on the razzle for a while then

Cliff Thorb

supporting role

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

him too soon."

Souness is likely to keep Le

Tissier in reserve for their

closing games of the season

against Blackburn Rovers and Aston Villa, with Michael

Evans, who has scored four

goals in as many games, and

Sheffield Wednesday and

Aston Villa continue their

quest for a Uefa Cup place.

with Wednesday travelling to

Blackburn Rovers and Villa

going to Leeds United. Gareth

Southgate, the Villa central defender, will have a late

fitness test after retiring early

from the 1-1 draw against

Tottenham Hotspur on Satur-

Tottenham defender.

partnership in attack.

Jimmy White Stephen Hendry Ronnie O'Sulliva

crept back with my tail between my legs," he said. "I'm 21. I'm a man now and I don't want to waste my gift." His behaviour this season, apart from a display of petulance when he lost 5-1 to Chris Small at the European Open last month, has been exemplary.

Thorburn won 13-12 White won 10-4 Hendry won 16-12 O'Sullivan won 10-6

147s IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Terry Griffilhs Tony Drago Jimmy White

He will now play Darren Morgan in the last 16 and. should the seedings go to plan. he will supply the quarter-final opposition for Hendry.

the defending champion. Earlier, Steve Davis launched his attempt to capture a seventh world title by building a 6-2 lead over David McLellan. Showing none of O'Sullivan's fluency, he instead exploited his Scottish rival's inexperience to seize

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TIMESTTWO CROSSWORD No 1074

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 - manager, gave little away about his team selection yes-terday. With Southampton in a similarly precarious position near the foot of the Premiership, he preferred to keep his own counsel. He was loathe, however, to fall into the trap of saying this one game could decide Sunderland's fate.

"It's another big game against Southampton, all of them are at the moment, but a win won't necessarily make us safe," he said. "Nothing will be decided on the one match and we've just got to keep plugging away. I won't say we're safe until it's mathematically certain."

Matthew Le Tissier missed

Williams ready for Robson deliberates as Everton wait

BY OLIVER HOLT, POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

BOBBY ROBSON, the Barce-Southampton's edgy 2-2 draw with Coventry City on Satur-day and is unlikely to reaplona manager, admitted for the first time last night that he pear at Roker Park. There is a was considering his future with the Spanish club after its chance he could come back as president, Josep Lluis Núñez, his hamstring injury is not as said he was to bring in two bad as was first feared," Graeme Souness, the Southnew coaches at the Nou Camp ampton manager, said, "but we must be careful not to rush stadium next season.

Núñez said over the weekend that there was no reason why the club's new acquisi-tions should lead to Robson's departure halfway through his two-year contract and de nied that the former England manager had held any meetings with representatives of Everton, who are thought to Egil Ostenstad resuming their want him as a replacement for

Joe Royle. Speaking from his home in Sitges, just south of the city. though, Robson said that news of the two new appointments, one of which is likely to be the Ajax coach, Louis van Gaal, had taken him by surprise as he tried to concentrate on the second leg of Barcelona's Cup Winners' Cup semifinal with Fiorentina in Italy

day as a result of a clash of on Thursday.
I am still in the middle of heads with Dean Austin, the trying to win the championship," Robson said. "We are in Local hero, page 53

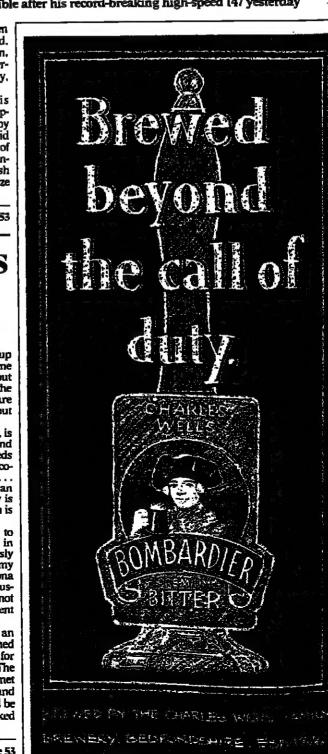
the final of the Spanish Cup and I am focusing on the game with Fiorentina and then, out of the blue this weekend, the president has said they are going to bring in not one but

two new coaches. "One of them, apparently, is to look at the youth policy and that is something that needs addressing. The other is to coordinate overseas signings ... in the light of the Bosman judgment. One more fellow is in charge of the team, which is what I do at the moment.

"We are all subject to change and nothing is set in stone in football but obviously I have got to clarify my position here in Barcelona before I start thinking seriously about other clubs. I do not want to make any comment about Everton."

However, Clifford Finch, an Everton director confirmed that Robson is on their list for the managerial vacancy. The chairman [Peter Johnson] met with Bobby on Sunday and they had talks. But it would be wrong to say what they talked about," he said.

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